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Congressman

John Dowdy
2301 House Office Bldg
Washington D.C.

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wife will then be 47 yrs of age, and as you know this day and time, no one wants to employe any one over the age of 40 to 45 male or female, its fare to cut off one dependant off the social security pension, but not two, and having a pension from S security coming in of only \$120.00 is very little to cloth & feed 2 people on. As for myself going back to work, I have a very bad heart condition, & can not work, and is the reason why I'm drawing a disability pension from social security, and my wife looks after me, and only to glad to work, if she could obtain a job some place that hires people over 40 she use to work, but when becoming 40 yrs old she was layed off, Hoping you will understand what I'm getting at, and thanking you in advance for reading my letter. I remain

Brownsboro Tex,

P.S. Very sorry we were not able to come in and see you while you were here in Athens Tex a few months ago, as we would have enjoyed talking to you, or shaking your hand, for the fine job you are doing.

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[Transcription of "Letter from Brownsboro with Questionnaire and Reply"]

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2301 HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.

COMMITTEES:
JUDICIARY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 11, 1966



Dear friends:

This brings my annual questionnaire which gives me your views on the issues that confront us in order that I may better represent your wishes in the United States Congress. The questions are not all-inclusive, but as space permits, I have included questions of importance to our District, State and Nation. I do hope you will participate because your answers are most helpful.

As I visited the 18 counties in the District during November, December and January, hundreds of you discussed the various issues with me. I use this method so that all may have an opportunity to express an opinion. As much as I would like to do so, it is impossible to see everyone in person.

Mrs. Dowdy and I were delighted to see so many of our long-time friends and to meet so many new ones. We appreciated the gracious kindnesses you, as always, extended to us. I am grateful for your continued support of my representation. As my seniority of service has grown, my influence in Washington has grown with it, increasing my opportunities to better serve you and our District.

Thank you for your answers and with very best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dowdy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

JOHN DOWDY
Member of Congress

Please fill out the questionnaire on the other side of this letter.

Please write your answer "yes" or "no". If you have not fixed an opinion on a particular issue, just leave it blank. Like issues brought to a vote in Congress, these questions may be difficult to answer "yes" or "no", but that is the way a Congressman must cast his vote. He must consider the pro and con arguments, and vote on the issue as presented -- not as he would rather have it presented. By you doing the same, I will have a better idea of your opinion on these issues. And I will always be happy to have your opinion on any issue.

1. Do you approve the present policies in regard to the Vietnam War? _____
Would you favor expanding the Vietnam War at this time? _____
Would you favor withdrawal from Vietnam at this time? NO
2. Do you favor, generally, President Johnson's domestic policies? _____
3. Do you favor further restriction in the private ownership of guns? YES
4. Do you favor authorizing additional money for foreign aid? NEED HERE
Do you favor continuing foreign aid to Communist countries? NO
5. Do you approve permitting the states to have Right-to-work laws? YES
6. Do you approve dictation by the U. S. Office of Education of the requirements and terms under which federal aid to schools is granted or withheld? _____
7. To pay for the increasing cost of the Vietnam War, do you favor:
(a) Reduction of domestic spending? YES
(b) Increasing taxes? _____
8. Do you favor further increases in the National Debt limit? NO
9. Do you approve of the projects and programs to conserve, improve and develop our water resources, including the basins of the Angelina, Neches, Sabine, Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers? YES
10. Do you favor reduction of the Space Program by \$300 million, as proposed in the President's budget requests? YES
11. Would you favor amending the Social Security Act to permit greater earnings without loss of retirement benefits? _____
12. Would you favor a reduction in government competition with private business? _____

NOTES: If the envelope in which this came has an error in either your name or your address, please make corrections thereon, and return to me in order that I may correct my list.

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____
Address _____
City _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: Congressman John Dowdy, 2301 House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Social Security Administration

April 1, 1966

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SUPPORTER

[REDACTED]
Brownsboro, Texas

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for returning my questionnaire and for your letter which accompanied it. I am sorry that I didn't get to see you while I was in Athens but I do appreciate your compliment of my work, and I am grateful for your support in my campaign for re-election.

I have long been fighting for a change in the social security law which would take care of the situation as outlined in your letter. We are gradually getting to it, but the progress seems slow to me. We have changed the law so that if your son continues in school after he's eighteen years old and until he is twenty-two years old, he can continue drawing social security benefits as a child. When the time comes you may want to look into that. If I can help you with it, please feel free to call on me when the time comes.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

John Dowdy, M. C.

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