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MEMORANDUM

TO : CAAs Who Are Not Members of NACD

FROM : David G. Hill, President, NACD

Because of its extreme importance to you, we are mailing you a copy of this week's Special Bulletin which contains details of the bill of amendments passed by the House Education and Labor Committee.

As you can see we view some of these amendments with great misgivings. In some respects the future of real Community Action is at stake.

But we view with even greater concern the future of this bill on the House floor. If the past action of the House regarding OEO and the War on Poverty are any indication, we can expect more restrictive amendments on the floor of the House.

It is even conceivable that in a fit of anger the House could defeat any bill to continue the War on Poverty.

Our NACD staff has followed this legislation session very closely. Our work with the Senate Committees paid off and we have an excellent Senate bill. It was only by keeping in close touch with the House Committee action that compromises were worked out which kept an even worse bill from emerging from the Committee.

As members of your Board of Directors and others discuss the future of this measure with your Congressman it is important that they stress the damage that has already been done to the War on Poverty by the House Committee bill and the need for corrective amendments on the House floor.

Through the leadership of NACD a broad cross section of strong national organizations are marshalling their forces to improve this measure and save the program.

I want you to know that NACD is doing everything within its power to ensure the passage of a good piece of legislation. We know that NACD can count on your cooperation.