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Mr. David A. Nixon Cherry Grove Oregon 97119

Dear Mr. Nixon:

As you no doubt know, the House has just passed its version of the Poverty Bill. I voted for the bill but prior to doing so voted to limit the authorization to \$1.6 billion. My reason for doing so was prompted by the fact that without this limitation I did not think any bill would have been approved. In addition, George Mahon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, publicly stated that appropriations for the program would be limited to this amount in any event. Also, this is the same amount that was appropriated for present programs.

Although there were improvements which could have been made, which were not made, I was pleased that the provision was adopted over much opposition limiting jobs in the OEO paying \$19,000 or more to one for every 100 OEO employees.

You might be interested in knowing that I voted against the two Green amendments turning CAP control over to city governments and requiring in CAP programs 20% local contribution, ten per cent being in cash. I did not feel these requirements were realistic.

Again, thanks for contacting me on this program.

Sincerely, kyat. WENDELL WYATT

Member of Congress

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