

November 21, 1985

Mr. Walter E. Douglas  
President  
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Dear Mr. Douglas:

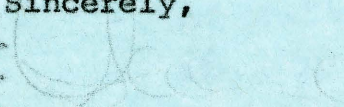
I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter concerning the Fair Housing Initiative Program.

The House finally passed legislation authorizing the Fair Housing Initiative Program on October 24, when it adopted H.R. 3500, the "Reconciliation Bill." However, the Senate has not yet acted on H.R. 3500, so it is unclear whether and when the program might be authorized. If and when it is authorized, it will still have to pass the appropriations hurdle before it gets funding, and that is unlikely before the fiscal year 1987.

Nevertheless, I am fully supportive of efforts to enforce the fair housing laws, and I will certainly seize any opportunities I become aware of to support or strengthen enforcement efforts. If you become aware of such an opportunity, please alert me to it as well.

I thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

  
Geo. W. Crockett, Jr.  
Member of Congress

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Honorable George W. Crockett, Jr.  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Response

Dear Representative Crockett:

New Detroit is an urban coalition which has served the Detroit community since 1967. Our broad organizational objective is improvement of the quality of life for blacks, other minorities, the poor and the disadvantaged. Through the efforts of our Fair Housing Subcommittee, we advocate fair housing legislation and initiatives which are crucial to the stabilization of neighborhoods.

Our 1984 annual report on the status of fair housing in Detroit has determined that strong enforcement is clearly the most effective deterrent to the infringement of fair housing laws. Nationally, private fair housing centers have been instrumental in gathering evidence to support enforcement. Notably, the Fair Housing Center located in Detroit is distinguished as a reputable and efficient operation.

Currently, the Congress is considering a proposal to fund non-profit agencies to investigate and test for compliance with fair housing laws. Through contractual arrangements, these groups can strengthen the enforcement of fair housing legislation.

We urge that you support the allocation of \$10 million to the Fair Housing Initiative Program that has been designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for contracts with private non-profit housing groups.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Douglas  
President

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now on Senate  
may be reconciled  
H.R. 3500  
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proposed.

not authorized, so no \$  
86 HUD bill - to Pres. H.R. 3038  
continues fair housing \$6.7 m  
program - 11/14 to Pres.

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