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Philadelphia, Pa.  
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PHILADELPHIA YOUTH SERVICE CORP.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

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TWELVE YEARS AGO WE DISCOVERED POVERTY IN AMERICA--  
HUNGER IN OUR CITIES, DEPRIVATION IN RURAL AMERICA AND  
40 MILLION INVISIBLE PEOPLE LOCKED IN A BONDAGE OF DESPAIR  
AND WANT.

IN THE LAST DECADE WE BEGAN AN EFFORT TO FEED THE  
HUNGRY AND GIVE ADEQUATE INCOMES TO THE POOR.

--WE BEGAN A FOOD STAMP PROGRAM THAT HAS GONE FROM  
100,000 PARTICIPANTS TO OVER 10 MILLION.

--WE BEGAN MEDICAID SO THAT THOSE WHO HAVE LESS CAN HAVE  
HEALTH CARE.

--WE BEGAN THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS SO THAT THE SONS  
AND DAUGHTERS OF THE POOR COULD WORK.

--WE BEGAN HEADSTART AND JOB CORPS AND LEGAL SERVICES.

--WE BEGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES.

THESE PROGRAMS ARE NOT DREAMS, THEY'RE NOT PLANS ON PAPER. THEY'RE HERE, THEY'RE REAL. AND THEY MUST BE CONTINUED AND STRENGTHENED.

THERE WAS ANOTHER SIDE TO OUR ANTI-POVERTY EFFORTS OF THE 1960'S. IT WAS A BELIEF THAT SOMETHING COULD BE DONE. IT WAS A BELIEF THAT HERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS, WHAT ONE PERSON DID, MADE A DIFFERENCE.

AND THESE BELIEFS WERE ECHOED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD A BELIEF IN PEOPLE AND WERE COMMITTED TO AIDING THE POOR IN AMERICA.

AS WE BEGIN A NEW DECADE I SENSE A LESSENING IN OUR STRUGGLE TO AID THE POOR, A SLACKING OF THE PACE TO END HUNGER. IT'S ALMOST AS IF THE WILL HAS GONE OUT OF OUR FIGHT IN THE BATTLE AGAINST POVERTY.

AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE NOT TO BLAME FOR THEY STILL HAVE THE COMPASSION AND SENSITIVITY TO CARE.

BUT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION WITH ITS CUTBACKS AND BROKEN PROMISES HAS FAILED TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO EQUAL THE PEOPLE'S COMPASSION AND SENSITIVITY TO THE NEEDS OF THE POOR.

AND WE CAN SEE THE EVIDENCE CLEARLY IN THE PRESIDENT'S NEW BUDGET. FOR A BUDGET IS MORE THAN DOLLARS AND CENTS-- IT'S A MEASURE OF WHERE A GOVERNMENT PLACES ITS PRIORITIES-- IT'S A MEASURE OF NEEDS AND COMMITMENTS.

LET'S LOOK AT THAT BUDGET IN THE AREAS WHERE YOU  
WORK--THE CITIES.

THE POSITION OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS SIMPLY  
THIS: IF IT'S FOR THE CITIES AND IF IT'S FOR THE POOR, CUT  
IT OUT. AND THE BUDGET INK OF THE ADMINISTRATION PROVES THIS.

IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THE NIXON  
ADMINISTRATION WANTS \$1.3 BILLION LESS THAN CONGRESS  
APPROPRIATED LAST YEAR.

THIS MEANS THERE WILL BE \$465 MILLION LESS FOR  
REBUILDING OUR CITIES.

IT MEANS THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN MODEL CITIES.

IT MEANS CUTTING RENT SUPPLEMENTS AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

IT MEANS NO FUNDS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED MONEY TO IMPROVE  
THEIR HOMES.

IT MEANS NEW CONSTRUCTION STARTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING WILL  
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AND IN HUMAN TERMS THESE CUTBACKS MEAN THAT TOO MANY  
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APARTMENTS, RUNDOWN NEIGHBORHOODS IN DETERIORATING INNER  
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IN SERVICES TO THE POOR--THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY  
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THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS PROPOSED A \$140 MILLION  
CUTBACK IN POVERTY FIGHTING FUNDS.

IT PLANS NO EXPANSION OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

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MORE CHILDREN WILL GO TO BED WITHOUT AN EVENING MEAL.

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AND THEY'VE TRIED BEFORE AND THEY'LL TRY AGAIN  
TO ELIMINATE THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND MEDICAL SERVICE PROGRAM.

THESE BUDGET CUTS ARE CALLOUS, RESTRICTIVE, REGRESSIVE  
AND SHOW NOTHING BUT BLIND INDIFFERENCE TO THE NEEDS OF THE  
POOR.

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THESE CUTBACKS IN SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE POOR MAKE ONE  
WONDER: DOES RICHARD NIXON WANT THE POOR TO BECOME INVISIBLE  
AGAIN? DOES HE CARE?



WHAT EXCUSE DOES HE GIVE THAT IT WAS HIS ADMINISTRATION  
THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE FIRST INCREASE IN POVERTY IN A DECADE?

THE PRESIDENT SAYS TO THE POOR: WAIT LONGER.

I SAY THE POOR HAVE WAITED LONG ENOUGH.

THE POVERTY BUDGET MUST BE INCREASED, NOT DECREASED.

THE POOR IN AMERICA MUST HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS TO MAKE  
THEIR OWN CHOICES AS YOU AND I DO.

ALL OF US MUST BEGIN TO TREAT THE POOR AS HUMAN BEINGS  
WHO HAVE A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE COUNTRY, WHO HAVE A  
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1960's - Decade of Present, debate,  
discovery, + decision

Twelve years ago we discovered poverty in America--

Hunger in our cities, deprivation in rural America and

*poor*

40 million invisible people locked in a bondage of despair

and want.

But, in the last decade we began an effort to feed the

*provide*

hungry and ~~the~~ adequate incomes to the poor.

--we began a food stamp program that has gone from

100,000 participants to over 10 million.

--we began medicaid so that those who have less can have

health care.

--we began the neighborhood youth corps so that the sons

and daughters of the poor could work.

We began Rent Supplements  
We began the War on Poverty  
Head Start, upward bound, VISTA  
Community Action

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