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City of Grand Rapids  
Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
GEORGE W. WELSH

PRESIDENT  
UNITED STATES  
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

May 1, 1947

Hon. Louis P. Gagne  
Mayor  
City Hall  
Lewiston, Maine

Dear Colleague:

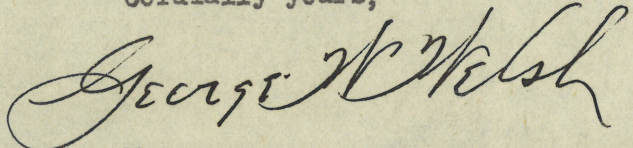
There is enclosed a copy of "America Cannot Afford Slums" -- just published by the Conference of Mayors and following up the resolution enacted on the subject at our last Annual Conference. The brochure has been transmitted to the Congress in connection with consideration of the pending legislation -- the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Housing Bill. May I urge that you read it and advise if you want additional copies for local use.

It is clear that all cities concerned with the necessity of wiping out slums and blighted areas, and with the need for housing for persons of low income, must present this problem to their representatives in the Senate and in the House. The slum areas are like cancer. They are spreading and destroying the economic life of many of our cities -- both new and old. The pamphlet endeavors to tell the story and what can and should be done about it now.

May I also ask that you forward on to me copies of communications you direct to your Congressional representatives so that we may be fully informed when hearings before the House Committee are held.

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Mayor  
President, The United States  
Conference of Mayors