

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1976

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Sir:

My 1977 budget contained several amendments to requests that were being considered by the Congress in the Departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriation Act, 1976. At the time my 1977 budget was transmitted, my veto of the Act was awaiting Congressional action. Now that the Act has become law, many of the related amendments in my 1977 budget no longer require Congressional consideration. I am hereby withdrawing the amended requests except those for programs that require supplemental appropriations. The supplemental appropriations I ask the Congress to consider are itemized in the enclosure. They total \$2,070,087,000 for the fiscal year 1976 and \$458,285,000 for the transition quarter for programs of the Departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Respectfully,



Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", \$435,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$321,000.

These proposed supplemental appropriations are needed for the administration of an increasing workload under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", \$174,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$589,000.

These proposed supplemental appropriations are needed for the administration of an increasing workload under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and to continue in the transition quarter the administration of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

ALCOHOL, DRUG ABUSE, AND MENTAL
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL

For an additional amount for "Saint Elizabeths Hospital", \$5,311,000 or such amounts as may be necessary to provide a total appropriation equal to the difference between the amount of the reimbursements received during the current fiscal year on account of patient care provided by the hospital during such year and \$75,561,000.

For an additional amount for "Saint Elizabeths Hospital" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$375,000 or such amounts as may be necessary to provide a total appropriation equal to the difference between the amount of the reimbursements received during the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, on account of patient care provided by the hospital during that period and \$20,875,000.

These supplemental requests are required for the continued Federal support of Saint Elizabeths Hospital and additional staff to address deficiencies cited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH).

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for "Buildings and facilities", \$5,200,000.

This supplemental request is required to correct major fire safety deficiencies at Saint Elizabeths Hospital.

HEALTH RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

MEDICAL FACILITIES GUARANTEE AND LOAN FUND

The total principal amount of loans to be guaranteed or directly made, which may be allotted among the States, pursuant to Title VI and XVI of the Public Health Service Act shall not exceed a cumulative amount of \$1,500,000,000.

This supplemental language requests a limitation on the total amount of loans which may receive Federal interest subsidies for construction of medical facilities. A nation-wide excess of hospital beds exists. Ample financing from medicare, medicaid and other third-party depreciation payors, as well as loan financing from private sources, eliminates the need for a further Federal role. The additional language stipulates the amount of loan authority which may be allotted to the States for the purposes of making either direct or guaranteed loans.

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for "Public assistance", \$1,988,967,000.

For an additional amount for "Public assistance" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$439,500,000.

These supplementals provide for increased estimates of public assistance costs based on revised States' estimates for maintenance assistance, medical assistance, and social services. Increased costs are also expected because grant awards to States are no longer adjusted in advance. These adjustments were based on the assumption that State maintenance assistance programs would meet the error rate tolerance levels established under the quality control program for maintenance assistance. In addition, \$531 million in 1976 funds is needed to replace amounts used to complete 1975 requirements.

OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PAYMENT TO THE CORPORATION
FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PUBLIC BROADCASTING FUND

For payment to the Corporation for Public Broad-
casting, as authorized by the Public Broadcasting
Financing Act of 1975, an amount which shall be
available within limitations specified by the Act,
for the fiscal year 1976, \$70,000,000.

For payment to the Corporation for Public Broad-
casting for the period July 1, 1976, through
September 30, 1976, \$17,500,000.

The proposed appropriation language is identical to that included in the 1977 budget. It replaces the fiscal year 1976 and transition quarter requests initially transmitted in the 1976 budget.