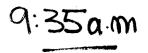
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT SIGNING OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING BILL, YONKERS, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 13, 1976

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TODAY MARKS A MAJOR MILESTONE IN OUR CONTINUING

EFFORT TO MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK BETTER FOR THE AMERICAN

**TAXPAYER** 

IN JUST A MOMENT, I WILL SIGN INTO LAW A BILL

EXTENDING THE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FOR ANOTHER

THREE AND THREE-QUARTER YEARS.

**CONCEPT**•

IN 1972, AS REPUBLICAN LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I LED THE FIGHT FOR THE REVENUE SHARING

VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER AND MALCOLM WILSON.

FORMER GOVERNORS OF THE GREAT STATE OF NEW YORK --

NO ONE HAD A MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THAN TWO

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IN 1972•

ROLES IN THE PASSAGE OF THE ORIGINAL REVENUE SHARING BILL

MANY OF YOU HERE THIS MORNING PLAYED LEADING

IN 1976, AS PRESIDENT, I LED THE FIGHT FOR

RENEWAL OF THE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM.

IN 1980, AS PRESIDENT, I WILL STILL LEAD THE FIGHT FOR CONTINUATION OF REVENUE SHARING.

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MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR REVENUE SHARING STEMS FROM

ONE SIMPLE FACT: IT IS A "PEOPLE" PROGRAM THAT WORKS

VERY WELL

BY THE END OF THAS YEAR, THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE RECEIVED MORE THAN 30 BILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE SHARING FUNDS from The federal Treasury.

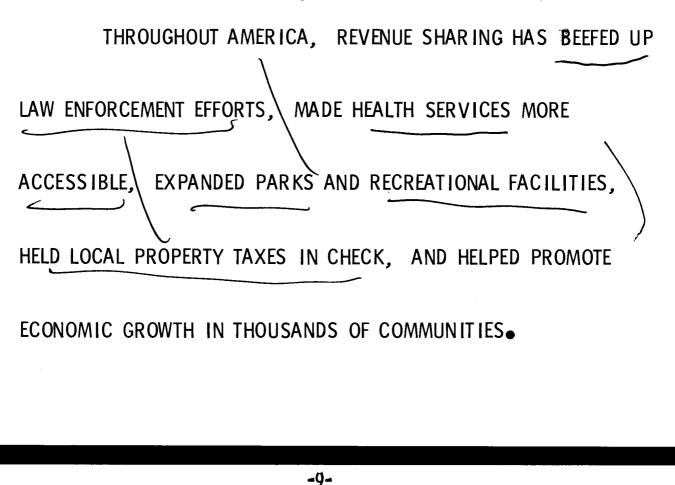
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HERE IN YONKERS, ALMOST EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS

IN REVENUE SHARING FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED FOR MAJOR

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, BETTER FIRE AND POLICE

PROTECTION AND OTHER ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES.

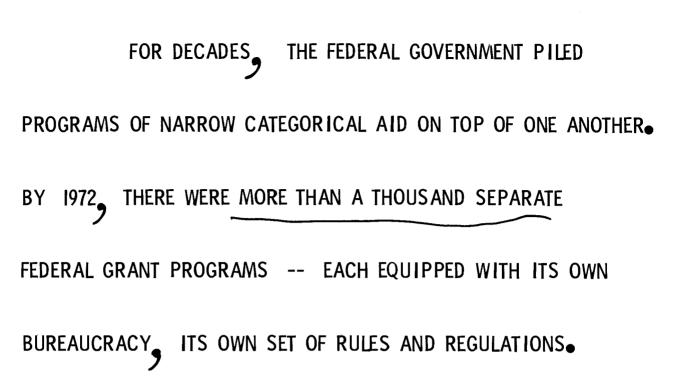


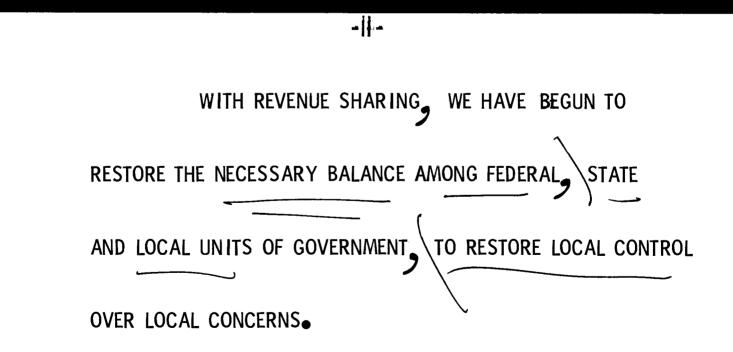
REVENUE SHARING'S SUCCESS GOES WELL BEYOND

THESE EXCELLENT SERVICES. THIS PROGRAM HAS REVERSED

THE DANGEROUS TREND TOWARD CENTRALIZED, UNACCOUNTABLE

POWER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.





FEWER THAN 100 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ARE INVOLVED IN THE ENTIRE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM. FOR EVERY 800 DOLLARS IN THE REVENUE SHARING BUDGET, ONLY ONE DOLLAR GOES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD -- THE BEST

RECORD IN GOVERNMENT.

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DESPITE THE OBVIOUS SUCCESS OF REVENUE SHARING, Myorty IT HAS FACED STRONG OPPOSITION FROM WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC Pury MAJORITIES OF CONGRESS. -14-THE REASONS FOR THIS OPPOSITION FROM DEMOCRATIC

CONGRESSMEN IN WASHINGTON ARE CLEAR AND SIMPLE:

-- BECAUSE DEMOCRATS IN WASHINGTON DON'T TRUST

LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

-- BECAUSE DEMOCRATS IN WASHINGTON WANT TO TELL YOU

HOW TO RUN YOUR STATE AND LOCAL AFFAIRS;

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-- BECAUSE DEMOCRATS IN WASHINGTON CREATED BIG

GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE A STAKE IN PRESERVING IT. THEY ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO IT, AND WITHOUT A PRESIDENT WHO IS WILLING TO SAY ''NO'', THEY WOULD MAKE IT EVEN BIGGER, MORE POWERFUL AND MORE EXPENSIVE. I AM WILLING TO SAY ''NO'' -- NOT ONLY BY EXERCISING THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO BUT BY CALLING FOR POSITIVE, IMAGINATIVE ALTERNATIVES TO GOVERNMENT BY WASHINGTON DECREE --

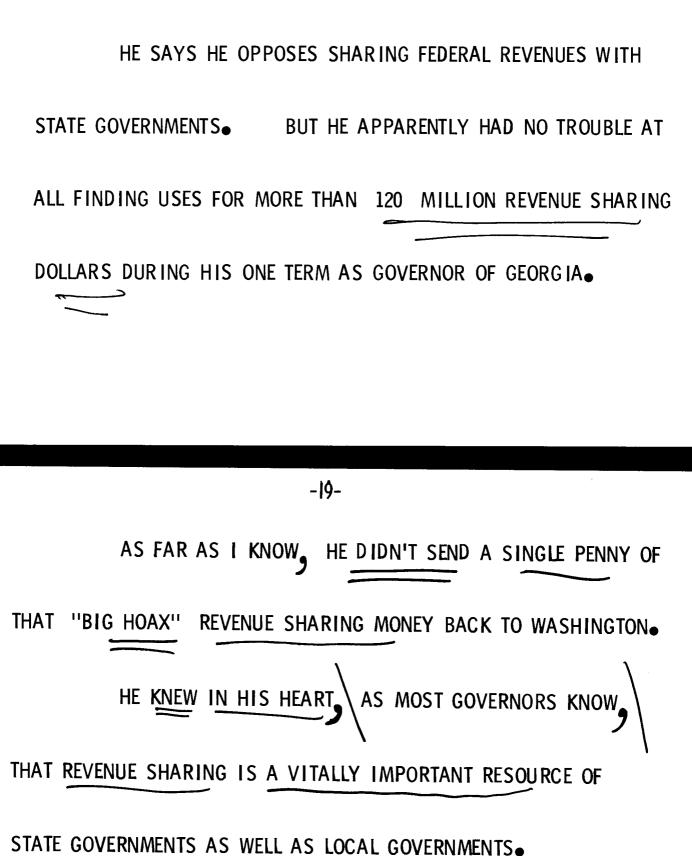
ALTERNATIVES LIKE REVENUE SHARING.

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GOVERNOR CARTER HAS STATED HIS OPPOSITION TO

REVENUE SHARING IN ITS PRESENT FORM, CALLING IT A "BIG HOAX

AND A MISTAKE."



WE KNOW THAT REVENUE SHARING HAS BEEN A MAJOR

SUCCESS AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. THE LEGISLATION

I AM SIGNING INTO LAW TODAY WILL MAKE THE PROGRAM AN EVEN

**GREATER SUCCESS**.

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IT WILL:

-- EXTEND REVENUE SHARING FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS

AND NINE MONTHS;

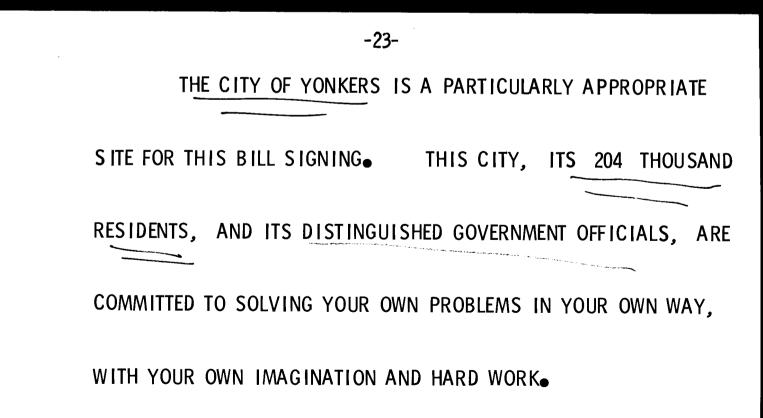
-- PROVIDE 25.6 BILLION DOLLARS TO STATE AND LOCAL

GOVERNMENTS, AND

-- GIVE LOCAL CITIZENS AN EVEN GREATER VOICE

IN DECIDING HOW REVENUE SHARING FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT

IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.



I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR VERY RECENT

BREAKTHROUGH IN SELLING MANY MILLION DOLLARS IN

YONKERS BONDS ON THE PUBLIC MARKET.

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THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN OF HEALTH, ONE WHICH

THOUSANDS OF CITIES AND TOWNS THROUGHOUT AMERICA PROUDLY

SHARE BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS OF REVENUE SHARING.

## WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THIS LEGISLATION WILL MAKE

# A GOOD PROGRAM EVEN BETTER, I SHALL NOW SIGN INTO LAW

### THE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING EXTENSION ACT OF 1976.

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