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MOVEMENT TO OUTLAW POVERTY

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Dear Friends,

NOW is the time for all concerned about the elimination of poverty to ACT.

Senator Fred Harris's bill(S 3433) which would provide income supplementation to bring all persons up to the poverty index is now before the Senate Finance Committee. Thousands of letters are needed urging each member of that committee to mark up this bill. A synopsis of the legislation is enclosed.

ACTION:
1. Compose a message and send it in a letter or on a card to each member of the committee urging him to mark up S 3433.
2. Enlist every other concerned person you know to do the same.
3. Invite friends into your home for a card writing party. Take cards when you attend meetings and have people write cards while there.

BAD NEWS: President Nixon's welfare reform proposal HR 16311 has been marked up by the House Ways and Means Committee with no opportunity for amendment. Information about this bill is enclosed.

It not only perpetuates the welfare system but adds another layer of federal bureaucracy to the administration of welfare which already costs $15 out of each $100 appropriated. It also costs the government $110 to give persons $100 worth of food stamps. Why not give the $100 to the poor (as the Harris bill proposes) and save the $10 administration costs, ($23 million in 1969).

In 42 states welfare recipients would get no increased benefits from this legislation. If the House passes HR 16311 and the Senate S 3433 then it would go to committee for compromise and we would still have the welfare system and poverty.

ACTION: Work for the defeat of HR 16311 making known your reasons.
1. Write, phone, wire your congressman and urge him to oppose this legislation. Urge others to do the same.

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Bread and justice,

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