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February 23, 1984

The Honorable Samuel R. Pierce, Jr.  
 Secretary  
 United States Department of Housing  
 and Urban Development  
 451 Seventh Street, S.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Last week the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry (CACI), the largest regional Chamber of Commerce in the United States, submitted a proposal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development which has the complete endorsement of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

Our endorsement is based on three major considerations:

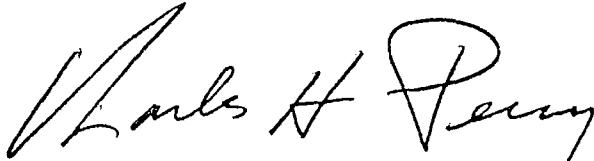
- o The program proposed by CACI -- to reduce the up-front costs of development by streamlining and coordinating building and zoning codes and other controls -- will increase economic development activity in a large area of our state and will create jobs. This has been demonstrated in one Illinois community, Bellwood, already.
- o The CACI proposal to HUD is a product of a long deliberative process, focusing on the economic development problems of our state, in which representatives from all sectors of our society participated. The Code Advisory Committee which sponsors CACI's proposal consists of union leaders, developers, architects, public officials, contractors and representatives of other groups critical to economic development of our state. The effort is a wholly bi-partisan one and for this reason is receiving our bi-partisan support.
- o The CACI proposal has very broad support from the state and local officials with whom the proposed program will work.

We urge you to conduct a prompt and favorable review of this proposal. To invest Federal funds in this way would be consistent with the Reagan Administration's policy of

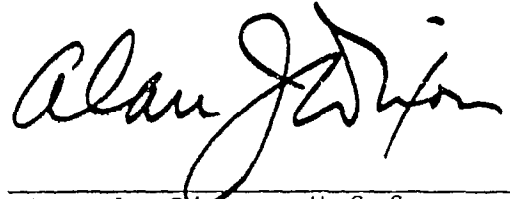
removing the barriers to local economic development. This small investment now will spark the investment of the private sector and the creation of much needed employment opportunities in our state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Percy, U.S.S.



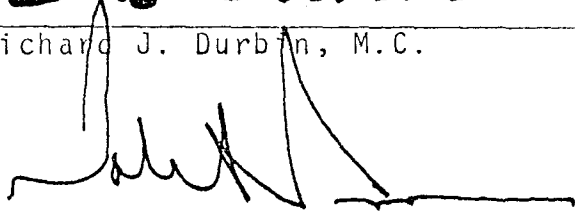
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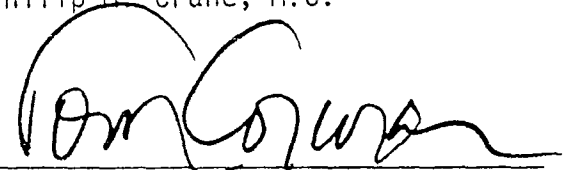
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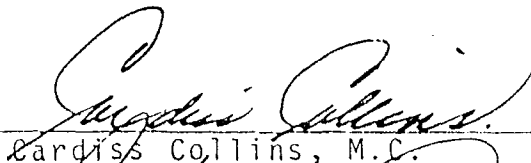
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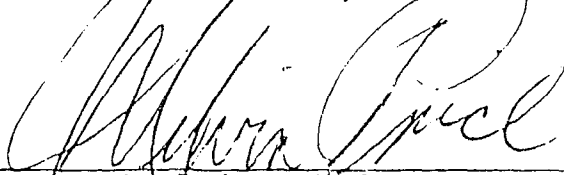
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