September 26, 1967

The Honorable Grville Freeman Secretary U. S. Department of Agriculture Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

West Virginia presently has all but seven of its 55 counties participating in the Food Stamp Program. I have been advised that the West Virginia Department of Welfare has requested that the U.S. Department of Agriculture provide sufficient additional monies, under Agriculture provide sufficient additional monies, under the new law passed by Congress, to adequately fund the Program in these remaining counties.

I urge that immediate consideration be given to including these counties so that eligible persons can begin receiving Food Stamp assistance at the earliest possible date.

As the Senate sponsor of the Food Stamp bill, I look with pride upon the fine work the program has accomplished to date, and will yet accomplish in the future.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Robert C. Byrd U.S. Senator

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