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Honorable John L. Moore Administrator General Services Administration Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moore,

Recently I have had an opportunity to review the comprehensive plan for the development of Ellis Island, and I urge your favorable consideration of the project.

As the author of the bill which resulted in the White House Conference on Aging, I am deeply concerned that action be taken to implement the findings and recommendations of the 2,700 delegates representing the nation's leaders in the field of gerontology.

Among the most urgent needs expressed by the conferees were research, suitable housing for the elderly, and educational opportunities for the aging. All of these recommendations have been taken into consideration in the plans for Ellis Island as well as the other health and social aspects that will make it possible for the senior citizens to enjoy their later years in better health, independence and dignity.

If hearings are called on this project or legislation authorizing the use of Ellis Island for this purpose, I would welcome the opportunity to speak in favor of it.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Pogarty Member of Congress

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Chairman, Senate Committee on Government Operations
Theodore Granik
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Members, Senate Committee on Government Operations