

January 29, 1959

Hon. Abraham Kazen, Jr.
Senate Chamber
Capital Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Chick:

I am writing to you on my own behalf as a private citizen and due to my concern over the action of the Legislative Budget Board in failing to recommend an appropriation for the Texas Council on Migrant Labor. I know that you have had a personal interest in this Council, and I hope that you will be able to use your good services to assure that the work of this Council is not killed in this session by failing to appropriate the funds that it needs to operate. It is almost inconceivable that the Legislature should fail to make an appropriation in this instance when the amount recommended by the Governor is so modest in the light of the work that the Council should do and the thousands upon thousands of our citizens whose needs have been neglected for so long until this Council began its work.

You know that at the time the Council was set up I felt that it was not being given sufficient power to do the job that it should do. At that time you expressed to me in person and by letter the hope that as the years went by this Council would be permitted to be more effective and would not degenerate as the Good Neighbor Commission did. I am familiar with the report that the Council has compiled, and it is disgraceful that, in view of the language of the statute that set it up, they had to bend under backwards in the language they employed in that report to keep from making any actual recommendations to the Legislature but instead merely pointed out "the Legislature may want to consider...."

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Es ya tiempo que se dejen de darnos atole con el dedo.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Idar, Jr.

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