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HOME ADDRESS:
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

SCHWABE GOLL

March 19, 1946

Dear Friend:

I am this morning in receipt of a letter signed by you and other citizens of Tulsa under date of March 13, requesting me to use my efforts to see that OPA rent control is not lifted or in any way modified.

In my humble opinion, this is one of the very few instances in which OPA will be allowed to continue its operations, if, in fact, it is permitted to continue in this field. There have been so many abuses of authority by the OPA, that the public has become quite bitter against this bureau, and it appears that its extension is very doubtful. All will admit that some good has been accomplished, but much that was unsavory has resulted from the operations of this bureau.

As a matter of fact, the OPA and its operation, in the opinion of many, is directly responsible for most of our shortages, including housing accommodations. I think nearly all will admit that if OPA continues to operate along the lines it has, the more acute and serious will become the shortages.

I also realize that, as soon as price controls are lifted, there will be some serious consequences in the skyrocketing of prices in many lines. The question confronting the Congress is, when will be the proper time to remove price controls? Many suggest that they should remain in effect until supply catches up with demand. Many of the clearest thinkers believe, and much of the best reasoned argument indicates, that OPA is forcing more and more scarcity, which will result in either permanent price control or more difficulties following the wake of removal of price control at a later period.

It is a serious situation which confronts us in the field of rent control and of a few other price controls, and I assure you that I am sympathetic to your appeal and shall use my very best judgment and efforts, along with other members of Congress, in an attempt to meet the situation fairly and do that which we think is best for the greatest number, viewing the situation from every angle and with ultimate results considered as one of the determining factors.

I have made quite a thorough canvass of this situation by circularizing the entire District on this subject, and have compiled and tabulated the replies, which has given me an excellent cross-section of the thinking of my constituents.

With appreciation of your interest in writing me, and trusting that my actions may meet with your ultimate approval, I am

Sincerely yours,

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