

Bureau
SCHWABE
Housing **CELL**

November 6, 1945

Mr. W. P. Phillips
P. Box 473
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the housing situation in Tulsa.

You may be surprised to learn it, but the situation there seems to be prevalent all over the country. I think you have the key to the situation. It is likely to continue bad. I am sure it will, as long as we are under the domination of federal control and regimentation. These bureaus are handling this situation just as they try to handle every other regulatory activity. They want to have all our building under their supervision and control. They have been sending building materials and prefabricated houses to Europe, apparently in utter disregard for our needs at home. I do not think our rent situation would be bad if we could build new homes; and I am one of those who wants controls lifted from materials and let us have a chance just as you advocate.

I am glad you wrote me and you may rest assured that I shall do everything I can to rid the people of this needlessly controlled building program.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

GS:LW

Box 473.
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George B. Schwabe,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

One of the most surprising things is that since the war ended we naturally looked for and expected the housing situation to ease up but instead it is worse, the demand greater and the supply less, there is a reason and an explanation for this house shortage, namely, none have been built for a number of years.

It seems that under the present set up or the present custom all houses are constructed and built by various builders, no longer the individual or citizen goes out and builds his home but they are handled more or less like merchandise. I believe if all restrictions of every kind was removed so that any individual or citizen might proceed to build and finance his own home in his own way would be a wise move, as it stands this day and time we are forced to deal with the promoters and speculators, even the FHA system gets under their control and you must buy where they want you, you no longer can get a FHA loan except where these promoters and speculators tell you to buy.

If you will notice here in Tulsa all property owners are asking release from the ceiling price fixed in order that they might raise rents to the former level, they are too high now, I am paying \$35.00 for an old shack worth only \$10.00 per month, want to build when and as soon as conditions will permit.

If I know and understand any thing about the housing condition and situation it is awful bad, deplorable and something that vitally affects the welfare, comfort and happiness of the people as a whole, I feel that you, Thomas and Moore should concern and acquaint yourselves with this matter.

Yours very truly,

W.P. Phillips.

