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assistance*

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Dr. A. William Green
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Dear Friend:

I have your letter of April 16th, which arrived at my office during my absence.

As usual, I find you giving good advice. You always have given me good advice and I have never gone wrong when I followed your suggestions. With this in mind, you may rest assured that I am in sympathy with the old people. I did not feel like introducing a separate bill, on account of the fact that several had been introduced, including one by Representative Paul Stuart of Oklahoma.

Shortly after I came here, a little over a year ago, we had a meeting of the Oklahoma Delegation in the House of Representatives, and all but one of them agreed that Paul Stewart's bill was the bill we would support. One of our members, Mr. Monroney of Oklahoma City, did not like the bill because it did not have some qualifying provisions in it. I have always contended that there should be only two qualifications - the attainment of the required age, and citizenship in the United States. This would do away with the snoopers, investigators and case workers who get a large amount of money which should be paid directly to the aged. I never have favored the idea of requiring pauper affidavits to be filed in order to entitle one to receive old age assistance. Neither do I favor the practice that maintains in Oklahoma of having these snoopers go around and try to find out if some old person's child, relative or friend gave him a dollar, or he made a dollar by his own efforts, and then have that reported on him and deducted from his monthly check. In my opinion, that is wrong in principle.

Mr. Monroney insisted upon requiring that the applicants show with proof, that they were not the owners of more than so much property and that their income was not more than so much each year.

This is only a way of keeping the snoopers on the job. This means political patronage for the party that is in control of the political set-up in Oklahoma, and I am against it in every way.

One of these days before long, I shall be glad to follow your advice and make a speech on this subject and write you so that you will not miss it in the Congressional Record.

Again thanking you for your good advice, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C .

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Hon. George B. Schwabe
House office Bldg. Washington D.C.

Dear George I read the Congressional Record Daily when at home, when I am out in the state They are saved up for me. I have read every speech you have made on the various Subjects,

But nearly every where I go they ask me. Why you don't, Say something about the Aged people and their Plight. under this high cost of living they are dying by the hundreds for want of more food and Medicine and a better place to live. they are the people that made this state with their long hours of hard work, building schools houses Churches Roads, and uncovering the great resources of this state. which have made you and I all we have,

About a hundred and fifty thousand Voters of this state would like to know what you are willing to do for them, we have heard from Eighteen Congressman thru their Speeches on the Floor of the house and before the Ways & means Com. expressing their views, they all Agree the Aged people must have more to live on. they all agree that the aged people must be taken off of all works so that the Vets can go to work, Industry need younger men they all have said that Sixty to 96.00 \$ is necessary for them to live on, What do you say Only Two Senators so far have expressed their views on this all important Subject.

We all watch the congressional Records than I send the news the News out over the state, we all think and believe that when a man is interested enough to express himself on the floor of the House, that makes his position public, and they can rely on him.

Yours Truly

Dr. A. William Green

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