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Dear Governor Byrne:

The Newark Branch is very disturbed to learn of the state plans to drop from the budget the funding for the training of minority workers. The question of jobs in the minority community is as you know is of vital importance and to remove from the budget an item that in our opinion should be increased is the same as a form of economical homicide.

We feel that the program should be expanded to include central and southern New Jersey especially the Atlantic City Area. I am sure that of the 17,000 workers who were trained under these programs slightly more than 800 were minorities, this is less than ten per-cent. Ten per-cent is not really a satisfactory number but we feel that some goal must be established and we would be able to live with that number.

The fact that these workers have performed well on the projects which have been a part of the new look in New Jersey should be an added incentive to keep such a program alive.

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Federal funds are still available for such programs so we are made to understand. If affirmative action is to really work, funding is the only way to make it become reality. We in New Jersey cannot afford the luxury of a failure in the area of providing jobs and training for minority workers.

Hours in freedom

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