

distribution of funds from the Federal government, and in the provision of credit, revenue or revenue resources to supplement Federal aid. Compliance with air quality regulations should be encouraged by a skillful, diplomatic strategy combining strict enforcement with genuine tax incentives.

All the influence and authority of State government should be exerted toward promoting regional cooperation among its political subdivisions, and entering into regional cooperative programs with neighboring states. Finally, vigorous and creative public information programs and services should be developed at the State level to inform and encourage industrial, commercial and citizen support of pollution abatement measures.

Even through the successful performance of these ambitious functions, it must be realized that the State will not be the principal partner in any comprehensive pollution control program, only one of three partners, sharing equally divided responsibilities and obligations with the Federal and local governments. The menace of air pollution is so extensive in scope and terrifying in implication that we can only afford an immediate and total effort demanding a substantial involvement of all our political and economic resources. While the challenge is awesome, and the task at times will appear *overwhelming*, the rewards will far exceed the investment. Government, industry and citizens alike have rallied before in the face of grave national crises such as war . . . and we can consider the threat of air pollution to national survival in much the same way. Upon our success in achieving the elimination and prevention of these lethal gases increasingly contaminating the air that we breathe depend — nothing less awesome is at stake — the health and lives of our nation's citizens.

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STATEMENT ON "SAFE STREETS BILL" TO JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE, U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 9, 1967

The citizens of Maryland are grateful that the *National administration* has at last given cognizance to a problem that has been a frustration to our states and our cities for the last decade.