

through superior performance by our State Police. You begin your career at this moment of transition, not only within the Department, but, *through* the public's mind, the governments' policies, and the technological advancements, a new and abundant energy has been brought to support your efforts. I wish your class the best of luck and success commensurate with these new attitudes and abilities. It is my hope that you will fully capitalize upon the unprecedented opportunities both for individual promotion and collective recognition that presently exist within your chosen profession. As you join the ranks of our State Troopers, I urge only that you remember professionalism is a continuing discipline which must be exacted and proven before it can be cherished. Gentlemen, I welcome you to the service of our State, I commend your dedication, I salute you.

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STATEMENT ON HOUSING BILL REFERENDUM  
PETITIONS

June 1, 1967

The Housing Bill which has been blocked temporarily by voter petitions represents a progressive attempt by the General Assembly and this administration to meet a critical need of a large segment of our citizens. Its moderate provisions protect the right of the individual homeowner to resell his property while opening up new developments to all citizens.

Postponing the bill's effect for 18 months can only forestall the inevitable and invite further discord. I am confident that if this petition drive by a minority of our citizens succeeds in forcing a referendum, as now appears likely, Maryland voters will approve the legislation in substantial numbers. But the delay is exceedingly regrettable.

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NEWS RELEASE:  
REQUEST FOR LARGER FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

June 2, 1967

Governor Agnew has urged President Johnson to request more funds from Congress to bring the Federal appropriation for water pollution