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Ms. Judy Schilling, Editor  
The Rural Tribune  
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Dear Ms. Schilling:

Your thoughtful comments about the plight of Urban Planning Aid (UPA) in Cambridge, Massachusetts, were most appreciated. I want you to know that I have been following this matter very closely for more than a year.

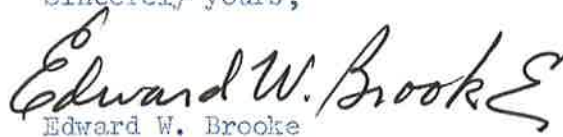
No doubt you are aware that the complexities involved have resulted in UPA's filing suit in the federal court to determine whether or not the Community Services Administration (CSA)'s decision to disfund UPA will be upheld.

Although I strongly believe that the federal government should support advocacy programs because they help make the system work, federal money does not come without strings attached. Some very real differences of opinion have arisen about the practices and policies of UPA. These issues will finally be decided upon by the court. Consequently, it would be inappropriate for me, as a United States Senator to make any judgment on the merits of the case at this time.

Please know that I will be following this matter, and I await -- as you do -- the court's final ruling. Also, I will be following with keen interest the development of the Carter Administration's policy with respect to advocacy programs in general.

I appreciate your sharing your views.

Sincerely yours,

  
Edward W. Brooke

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