

Day Letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt:

We, the Negro and white citizens of Detroit are opposed and deeply resent fascist attempts on the part of Congressman Tenerowicz and real estate operators in the first Congressional District to raise the color issue in this hour of crisis and rob Negro defense workers of the Sojourner Truth Homes built by the Federal government to relieve immediately the acute housing shortage in Detroit.

You have urged the general citizenry to be vigilant at this time against any form of racial discrimination.

In the name of National Defense, National Unity and the Four Freedoms, we ask you to intervene at once.

Detroit, the arsenal of democracy can ill afford to be the focal point of racial dis-unity urged on by one who has so consistently opposed our foreign policy.

The safety and health of workers engaged in the production of vital and essential war materials must not be undermined by political machinations.

We pledge our continued support for the all out defense of America.

Signed:

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