

of our economy. They must be controlled and prevented through effective planning and adequate legislation.

The success of any and all of these endeavors depends not only upon creative leadership by government, but upon substantial citizen support. No new program or policy can surmount these obstacles without the full cooperation and enthusiastic participation of the public. All new programs and policies can benefit from the insight, imagination and innovation which emanate from the private sectors of our community.

Certainly the Greater Baltimore Committee has clearly demonstrated its desire and ability to develop a working relationship with government. Earlier, I spoke of the tangible monuments that stand in tribute to this group's initiative. But, perhaps, the most exciting contribution of all, in the last analysis, is the intangible one — your spirit of tenacity in the face of adversity, a spirit which could not be defeated by seemingly overwhelming indifference and insurmountable obstacles — and your refusal to become complacent, to relax in the glory of your formidable accomplishments. Once the Civic Center and the Charles Center were established, your energies were directed toward a project of even more ambitious scope, the Inner Harbor. And, to your credit, you have not concentrated exclusively upon the obvious and impressive prestige projects, but have involved yourselves in the mundane and often irritating problems that affect the life of the City.

The Greater Baltimore Committee's most recent plan to establish a nonprofit housing corporation and development fund to provide a supply of housing for the lower-middle and lower income segment of the City's population marks the recognition of another critical problem and provides a difficult challenge. This diversification of energy and commitment to be concerned with the anguish of the invisible poor exemplifies the spirit and conscience of individuals cooperating independently for the public good which I, as Governor, would like to see extended throughout Maryland.

Only a week ago, in a formal address to a larger gathering, I stressed this concept of the need for private initiative and individual conscience to stimulate and direct public action. It is not government, but the initiative of people acting on their own, that makes the world around us better and more livable. Private apathy, neglect or abuse often forces governmental intervention, but this does not guarantee that such is the right action or the best recourse. Good laws do not