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*John Bailey
letter*

BOB HALDEMAN

April 22, 1962

John Bailey, Chairman
Democratic National Committee
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In the interests of insuring a Democratic victory and preserving Constitutional Rights we, the undersigned Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee members, California Democratic Council officials, and Presidents of Democratic Clubs urge you to use your influence to seek cancellation of the scheduled (April 24-27) Hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee in Los Angeles.

In addition to the oft-repeated and justifiable arguments made against this Committee on the grounds that it has been used to abuse the rights of individuals whose views do not coincide with those of the prevailing majority on the Committee, there is the very obvious danger posed against local Democrats of liberal persuasion.

Based on past performances, the campaign which Nixon and company will wage this year can be expected to include half-truths, meaningless though menacing labels and irrelevant charges designed to confuse and intimidate voters. The past record of the Un-American Activities Committee tells us that its hearings can help to smear people and damage reputations quite apart from the guilt of innocence of these people. During an election year sweeping abuses of fellow Democrats can be very harmful to the cause of Democracy and the Democratic Party.

We are confident that you will lend your aid to preserve our traditional liberties and the Democratic Party's case in this crucial election.

Very truly yours,

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