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Dear Mike:

I support SEUNA's efforts to open a dialogue with the Hill's major employers regarding an employer assisted housing program. I hope that they will respond positively to the Association's request to meet with them.

I moved into 724 Sumner Avenue in 1974. At that time, the 700 block was completely owner occupied. Much has changed over the years. At its worst, owners occupied only five of the fourteen houses on the block. Recently, three houses have been purchased and are occupied by their owners; two of the houses were purchased by SU and Upstate employees. The block is within walking distance of all major employers on the University Hill. The houses have wonderful interior and exterior details.

I am convinced that an employer assisted housing program would help the 700 block of Sumner Avenue and the neighborhood as a whole to return to a more reasonable mix of owner occupants and rentals. It is my hope that the institutions and SEUNA can develop a creative employer assisted housing program.

Sincerely,

George W. Curry