

Memorandum

Date: October 16, 1993

To: Senator Dole

From: Alec Vachon *AV*

Re: FYI/American Public Health Association (APHA) Presentation

On Tuesday, October 25, 1993, I will be presenting a paper to the annual meeting of APHA in San Francisco on the disability income program in Athens in 5th B.C. In many ways, this ancient program encountered many of the same problems as our modern SSI and SSDI programs. Written with a colleague at Princeton, this paper is a work of original scholarship; an abstract of the paper is attached.

Incidentally, I become Chairman of the section on disability within APHA this year. This is one of the few professional commitments I retained since joining your office. APHA is the nation's largest interdisciplinary group of health professionals.

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INCOME ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH WORK DISABILITIES IN 5TH AND 4TH CENTURY ATHENS: PLUS CA CHANGE

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Over the past 37 years the federal government has established two programs to provide a cash income to individuals unable to work because of disability: Social Security disability insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). These programs face continuing complex challenges, including financing, criteria for disability, adequacy of benefit, overinsurance, administration (appeals, beneficiary reviews), moral hazard, and fairness. Most comparative work has looked to contemporary European counterparts, and the first Western income program assistance for work-disabled persons, established in 5th century Athens, has received little attention. This paper discusses that program and interesting and instructive parallels to issues confronting modern U.S. programs.