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WASHINGTON, D.C.--Rep Kika de la Garza said today that the

general revenue sharing program has imposed "a second-class status,
or worse" on small towns and small cities.

In testimony before a House Government Operations Subcommittee
considering extension of the present law, which will expire at the
end of 1976, the South Texas Congressman presented facts to show that
allocations of general revenue funds have been made on a selective
basis with priority funding going to big cities.

He pointed out that from January 1, 1972, through June 30, 1975,
appropriations for revenue sharing totaled \$20.5 billion and the states
of New York and California received more than 20 percent of the total.

"The 15 counties comprising my South Texas congressional district
and 48 municipalities within the counties received a total of \$40.5
million," Congressman de la Garza told the subcommittee. "By comparison
the City of Dallas received \$45 million and the City of Houston \$58.8
million. These figures are for the cities proper and do not include the
substantial amounts going to their populous suburbs."

The Congressman noted that many former supporters of revenue
sharing have "given up" on revenue sharing.

"Too many of them have been written out of the program," he
explained. "And this situation would be made even worse by some of the
proposals offered to extend and amend the General Revenue Sharing Act."