

Public Comment 1904, regarding Michael Ward

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Comments

Based on the more than two years I've known Dr. Ward, I believe he is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the subject Commission. He is obviously qualified in terms of his education and experience.

His careers as a military officer, FBI agent, and health professional demonstrate a pragmatic commitment to public service as distinct from conversational or theoretical concern.

His willingness to participate in the time-consuming effort implied by this commission is further evidence of his willingness to contribute to society.

In 1966, my firm became one of the first private entities to acquire the U.S. Census on magnetic tape and develop programs to access these data to support demographic analysis applicable to our economics consulting practice. I have been, therefore, especially sensitive to the use and abuse of demographic information in many contexts.

In addition, while serving briefly as interim Assistant Secretary to HEW, I became aware of the difference between those people motivated by a sincere desire to help and those seeking social status as a result of largely perfunctory public services.

These experiences provide a context that confirms my opinion that Dr. Ward would be an excellent, fair, and productive member of the Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]