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I regret that you were unable to get down to the Needham Post Office to share your views with me. However, I certainly appreciated your letter in which you expressed your thoughts on several matters.

I noted your comments on busing with particular interest. I am firmly committed to the passage of a Constitutional Amendment to end forced busing.

Forced busing is a bankrupt policy whose time never was. It is absolutely clear that the majority of Americans oppose forced busing.

Community schools have long been the foundation of our educational system. We must not abandon this American tradition.

Thanks again for taking the time to share your thoughts with me. Please feel free to contact me at any time that I can be of service.

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress

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Honorable John Joseph Moakley
9th Congressional District
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Moakley:

I believe you are doing an outstanding job in getting around and seeing what the worst gripes must be and I noticed you were to be in Needham on Saturday, November 1 between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. I wanted to be present and tell you what I felt about certain things but that will be impossible and so I am writing you this note.

First of all I am firmly convinced that we are committing ourselves to a thoroughly socialistic way of living. If we continue, the Russians have nothing to fear because we will go broke and they will stand by and take over - as they have done in other places.

I realize that people will say what is happening in this country is not too vital but the German people who were the strongest of all nations and I think the most intellectual found out that one radical could take over the entire country and drive them all into line.

By making large money commitments, we have taught our people that welfare is no longer considered something that people should shy away from but rather that they are entitled to it and they get it. My folks were immigrants to this country and I was brought up in Jamaica Plain. They would never take welfare although they needed it. The answer was that the entire family would chip in and try to get some type of work and carry out honest family life.

Another Russian tool used to break up family life is by busing students both on local and national scale. Busing is certainly now out of hand. I have nothing against the colored people - I grew up with them and went to school with them. I believe that mandatory busing to equalize ethnic groups should stop and people should be allowed to send their children to their own community schools if they so wish.

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We talk about controlling energy and we should take the pleasure cars off the road and even limit the vehicle which people must use to go to business but we say nothing about all the buses which at the present time are on the road - transporting children all over and the amount of gas and energy that these buses might use.

I believe the Government should get out of the many things they are in and they should not keep presenting "give-away" programs.

I believe that you gentlemen who dedicate your life in hopes of seeing a better country should bend your energies toward seeing that people understand there is an opportunity for all if they are willing to work for it.

Let's get back to the practice of good citizenship and respect for elective office.

Very truly yours,



P.S.

One thing I failed to mention above was the abuse of Unemployment Compensation. This is really out of hand. People prefer to loaf and get a certain sum of money than accepting any type of position offered them. I see many examples of this in our own business. Married women leave and in many cases their husbands have good jobs in government work and yet these women apply for unemployment and receive it. They really do not look for work once on unemployment compensation.