

December 1, 1975

[REDACTED]
Westwood, MA 02090

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letter concerning Forced Busing.

As you know, I have long been committed to equal educational opportunities for all Americans.

However, I believe that Forced Busing has failed to achieve that goal. In Boston, neither white children nor black children can learn when their schools are the site of metal detectors, riot squads and racial tension. It is plain to see that Forced Busing is wreaking havoc with the Boston Public School System.

I believe that it is time to reject forced busing as an unworkable failure. We should explore other alternatives to ensure that all American young people receive a decent education. These other alternatives might include better facilities, regional schools, specialized education, etc. However, more expensive these alternatives might be, they would result in an educational system where learning was the goal, not just the maintenance of discipline, which is all too often the case now.

I hope that I have been responsive to your query. Please let me know if I can be of any further service.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season, I remain

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress

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Westwood, Ma. 02090
October 30, 1975

The Honorable John Moakley
US House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Moakley:

I am writing to you concerning forced busing. I have been following this situation in the newspaper and am very concerned. I would like to find out more about this situation. If possible, I would appreciate it if you could inform me of any legislative action taken in this area. I would also like to know your opinion and ideas about this subject.

Yours truly
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