

Dear _____:

Those of us concerned with giving South Boston parents a voice in the education of their children have had to fight an uphill battle in recent years.

As a past president of both the South Boston High School Alumni Association and the Steve White Athletic Association, as well as the former Chief Probation Officer of the Dorchester District Court, I have seen first hand how Southie's needs and interests have been ignored by the government.

Public officials, with few exceptions, have shown little or no concern for the problems of Southie. Which is the reason it's so important for us to give our full support to the few elected officials who have been there when we needed them.

That's why I'm urging my friends in South Boston to support Joe Moakley for reelection to Congress.

As you may know, my son Matt Jr. was the lawyer for the School Committee when it took its case against forced busing before the Federal Court here in Boston

Matt has told me that throughout his efforts, he received the ~~operational~~ cooperation of Congressman Moakley's office whenever and wherever he needed it.

But more important than that is the work that Congressman Moakley has done in Washington to bring an end to forced busing.

For instance, he was the only member of the House of Representatives to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of the constitutional amendment to forbid forced busing.

As the enclosed article shows, Congressman Moakley represented our views when few other members in the House were willing to take a stand.

But that's only part of the story. Through his perseverance and energy, Congressman Moakley got the Democratic Caucus -- for the first time in history -- to vote on the constitutional amendment!

Although the amendment lost in the Caucus, Congressman Moakley succeeded in getting our views a long overdue hearing in Congress and

in the media.

In addition, Joe Moakley demanded a Congressional hearing to look into possible abuse of power by the Federal Courts when South Boston High School was put into receivership.

And he actively urged Attorney General Levi to intervene on behalf of Boston parents, before the Ford Administration callously abandoned its plan to take action on the busing case.

These examples show what many people in Southie have known for years: Joe Moakley is a man who does his talking with action, not rhetoric.

And his actions over the past two years have shown his willingness and determination to stand up for South Boston.

As we face the continuing struggle to end forced busing, it will be even more important to have him with us in the future.

That's why I urge you to vote for Joe Moakley in the Democratic Primary on September 14.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Connolly

To Adopt Ban On Busing



CONGRESSMAN Joe Moakley [D-Mass.] conferred with Senator John Tower [R-Texas] before hearings on a constitutional amendment outlawing forced busing. The Senate Judiciary Committee held two days of hearings on the amendment.

Congressman Joe Moakley (D-Mass.) has urged the Senate Judiciary Committee to report a Constitutional amendment outlawing forced busing.

Moakley went before the Senate panel "to lay Boston's case" before them. Moakley quoted from a 1973 statement, made shortly after he first took office, at the "Jaffe Hearing", warning that busing in Boston would lead, ultimately, to a more segregated system.

Moakley presented current attendance figures from the Boston public school system which prove that both his prediction and worst fears have come true.

In his statement Moakley declared, "I am here to say to the pro-busers that their support of so-called racial balancing has led to further racial imbalancing...that their support of so-called desegregation has led to re-segregation...that their support of busing to achieve racial balance should be withdrawn immediately and completely.

"Busing is a bankrupt policy whose time never

was," he added. Moakley who has helped bring the busing question before the House 12 times noted that previous legislation Congress has adopted failed to stop busing. "You don't have to be a Supreme Court Justice to know that the only sure way to stop forced busing is to pass a constitutional amendment," he warned.

After the Senate hearing, Moakley noted that Committee Chairman James O. Eastland has agreed to hold further hearings specifically on the Boston school situation.

Professor James Coleman testified before the Committee also. He noted that busing was producing greater segregation in school districts where it has been tried.

Moakley noted, ironically, that Professor Coleman's previous studies have been used by most Federal judges to justify court orders. Moakley asked, "If the sociologist who started the whole thing can admit that his was wrong, why can't the Federal judges?"

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