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Dorchester, Mass. 02125  
August 26, 1974

The Honorable W. Arthur Garrity, Jr.  
United States District Court  
1525 Post Office Building  
Boston, Massachusetts

My Dear Judge Garrity:

I am writing to you on behalf of my daughter, [REDACTED], who will be a student in the 12th grade in September of this year, and according to your decision will not be able to attend the high school she has gone to for three years.

Please, please reconsider and let the seniors of The City of Boston attend the school of their choice. Are you aware that most seniors black and white want to finish high school in the school they started in?

In our particular situation [REDACTED] has already bought and received her class ring, had her picture taken for the Year Book, has been elected Vice President of the National Honor Society of [REDACTED] and would like to graduate with her fellow students that she has been with for the past three years.

I think you are being very unfair to seniors. Many of them are talking of quitting school which is very sad. My daughter wants to go on to college so she needs her last year of high school.

I have discussed the busing issue with many people. Some people are in favor of it and some are very much against it. Everyone I spoke to felt that the seniors should be allowed to finish at their present school.

There will be many problems to be ironed out with this first year of busing. For the sake of one year couldn't you just eliminate the problems of seniors?

I'm so unhappy that I just had to write to you.  
Thank you for listening to me.

Very truly yours,  
  
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