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MAYOR'S OFFICE


33 Sudan Street
Dorchester, Mass. 02125
Ward 13, Prec. 8

The Honorable Kevin H. White
Mayor of Boston

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Approximately one year ago, I wrote to you with deep concern and feelings on the racial imbalance law. Your reply was that you "signed the Home Rule Petition with great reservations" and that the "petition appeared to be unnecessary in light of the Supreme Judicial Court's ruling that school district lines must bear a reasonable relationship to recognized neighborhood lines."

First, let me ask you what is considered a neighborhood? To me a neighborhood consists of my place of worship, a health clinic, my shopping area (Uphams Corner) and our schools. Now the state tells me my neighborhood is Columbia Point and Roxbury. Next will they tell me I must attend church there and attend clinic there? Will I get free bus service to attend my neighborhood stores in Roxbury or South Boston (as the point residents do)??

I have manned the phones for you during your last two campaigns. I have encouraged my friends and neighbors to vote for you as I sincerely felt you were the leader Boston needed. Please do not turn your back on our city now. When the bill comes before you asking that this issue be put on the ballot, please sign it. Let "we the people" decide this issue. The fate of our children is not up to the politicians to decide.

My children know Negro children and have no fear or hatred of them. I grew up in the Southend of Boston and our crowd consisted of every nationality. We mixed because we wanted to. Force busing of children will achieve nothing. None of our children will receive a magical brain because the school is black and white. We need better schools in all areas of the city. Let the state spend their time and money to achieve QUALITY EDUCATION instead of playing chess using our children as black and white pawns.

Sincerely,


March 7, 1974