

Dec. 17, 1974

Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr.
U.S. District Court
Boston, Mass.

Dear Judge Garrity:

Lately I have heard nothing on the news but bigoted Bostonians venting their misguided anger towards you and your court rulings on busing and integration. After watching people screaming and fighting on my television screen, I can only imagine the tone of the letters you receive, and I want you to know that I admire you tremendously.

I have lived in five states, two of which were integrating their schools while I was still a student, so I know it's not easy. But I also know that the only way to overcome irrational fears of people with whom you have no other contact is to sit next to them, learn with them, and, through this contact, to erase, as much as possible, the color and racial differences.

As the daughter of a (State of Kansas) judge, I can understand what you and your family must be undergoing, and I want you to know that I appreciate what you are doing. Oh, I'm not totally in favor of forced busing to achieve integration, but I am deeply thankful that there exist in the judicial system people such as yourself, who have the vision to see what must be done, and the strength and courage to see it through.

Thank you.

