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Chairman, Committee of Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I recognize that the effort expended in writing this letter will probably be in vain, but so strongly do I feel about the constitutional ramifications of the subject that I have decided to express myself on the matter, realizing the probable futility of doing so. I am referring to the so-called voting rights bill proposed to the Congress.

This nation is in the midst of mass hysteria generated by minority pressure groups with the active assistance of the press and the Administration, and whose sole purpose is to force certain conditions on the United States regardless of the issues and heedless of the costs. It is a classic example of surrender to the dictum of ends justifying means. In this case and so many like it, this country is discarding--ever so slowly but inexorably--the safeguards which have long protected it against totalitarianism. The average citizen and, incomprehensibly, apparently even the average congressman, never realizes it. He trades off a liberty for a new government "benefit" and believes he has made a good bargain. Centralization of power in an already bloated Federal bureaucracy is advanced one more step; several thousand or hundred thousand individuals or families are beholden to perpetuating the status quo, which usually means the administration which provided the benefit to them. The German nation did exactly the same thing in the thirties, at a much more rapid rate, to be sure. But make no mistake about it, the United States of America in the decade of the sixties has taken the same road.

This bill is a particularly egregious example of a milestone on that road. It is patently unconstitutional. It is an indefensible intrusion by the Federal government into an area where it has no constitutional right. It is the product of political expediency. It is politically motivated by an Administration which is willing to sacrifice the Constitution for the unquestioned allegiance of a highly vocal minority, aided and abetted by the radical judiciary and a large segment of the unquestioning press.

The Congress is the last bastion of the beleaguered forces who hope to preserve constitutional and republican government in this land. I urge you and your committee to oppose this legislation in spite of the political pressures for its passage; not on the basis of the rightness or wrongness of its objectives, but on the basis of constitutionality.

Sincerely yours,

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