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**Restore Our Alienated Rights (ROAR) statement of demands, 1975**

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1. As parents of Boston schoolchildren, we demand our Congressmen and Senators seek an immediate meeting with President Ford to impress on him the seriousness of the constitutional issues raised by the placing of South Boston High School under Federal receivership.

2. We demand our Congressmen and Senators take the initiative in the Congress to denounce the unconstitutional abrogation of the statutory powers of the Boston School Committee by Federal Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr.

3. We demand that our Congressmen and Senators no longer remain silent in the face of the most flagrant violation of the rights of elected officials and the electorate of the City of Boston by an appointed Federal official.

4. We demand that a proposed Constitutional amendment to prohibit forced busing be brought to a full vote of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate before the end of the current legislative session and we demand that the elected representatives of the City of Boston in Congress play a leadership role in bringing the amendment forward for action by the Congress.

5. We demand that our Congressmen and Senators agree to meet with the white students of South Boston High School to give them a chance to rebut the charges levelled at them during the recent proceedings in Judge Garrity's courtroom.

6. We demand that our Congressmen and Senators agree to meet with the faculty of South Boston High School to allow it to answer the charges levelled at it during the same proceedings.

7. We demand that our Congressmen and Senators meet with representatives of the parents of the City of Boston in order to ascertain from them the level of frustration and rage that has permeated the City of Boston since the institution of forced busing by Federal Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr.

8. We demand to know from our Congressmen and Senators why the property taxpayers of the City of Boston must bear the full brunt of paying for Federal desegregation plans and now for the salaries, maintenance, and curricula development and plans of a federal high school.

9. We demand an immediate Congressional investigation into the actual motives of the leadership of the New England Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

10. We demand due process of law for all people in the City of Boston as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.