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Letter from John Joseph Moakley to the Ahigian Family regarding opposition to forced busing, 1 December 1975

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The Ahigian Family  
S Harvard Circle  
Needham, MA 02192

Dear Friends:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for our efforts against forced busing in the recent Democratic Caucus.

I sincerely regret that those of us in the Congress who oppose forced busing as a means to achieve quality education were unable to convince our colleagues of the anguish and disruption that forced busing has wrought upon cities and towns across the country.

As you may know, the vote in the Democratic Caucus was 172-96 in favor of not considering anti-busing legislation in the Congress.

I shall continue to work in the Congress with some of my concerned colleagues to gather signatures for a discharge petition to bring a Constitutional Amendment to the House Floor.

As one who was born and brought up in the City of Boston, I can well share your feelings of hopelessness and sadness for the fate of our city's public school system. Please be assured of my continuing commitment to the fight to end forced busing.

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY  
Member of Congress
Dear [Name],

I urge you to support the Democratic Caucus in Congress on November 19, 1975 when it moves for a Constitutional Amendment to stop forced busing. I know this vote will be publicly recorded and I will be very interested in yours.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Name: [Signature]

Address: [Signature]
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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Name: [Signature]

Address: [Signature]

Date: October 23, 1975