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September 10, 1968

Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman  
Committee on Government Operations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Honorable William L. Dawson, Chairman  
Committee on Government Operations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

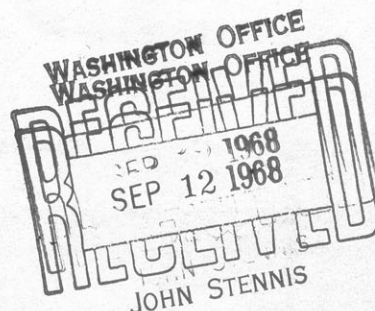
Honorable Carl D. Perkins, Chairman  
Committee on Education and Labor  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

RE: Request of Review  
Docket No. CR-523  
Lamar School District  
of Mississippi

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Lamar County School District, Purvis, Mississippi, I respectfully request that your Committee review the entire file relative to the above school district as to compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Lamar School District of Mississippi has made every effort to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by signing the Compliance Agreement, the Integration of the School District and under the Freedom of Choice plan upheld by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, all documents filed in behalf of the School District in the above Docket No. CR-523 is hereby adopted and made a part of this request by the school district for review by the respective committee, before which Docket CR-523 was filed on August 14th, 1968.


By copy of this letter I am notifying Honorable James O. Eastland, U. S. Senator, Honorable John C. Stennis, U. S. Senator and Honorable William M. Colmer, U. S. Congressman, Fifth District, requesting their assistance relative to any



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adverse ruling of your committee relative to the action of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in the discontinuance of funds of the school district for non-compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Sincerely, 

Attorney, Lamar County  
School District

WEA, Jr/cjc

cc: File

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused one copy of the foregoing document to be mailed this date to the following persons at the addresses given.

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Washington, D. C. 20510

Honorable John C. Stennis ✓  
United States Senator  
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Honorable William F. Colmer  
Representative in Congress  
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Lamar County School District  
Purvis, Mississippi 39475

DATE: September 10, 1968

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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

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September 24, 1968

[REDACTED]  
Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]  
Purvis, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you very much for furnishing me a copy of your letter to Senator McClellan regarding the cutoff of federal funds to the Lamar County School District by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

I deeply regret that this drastic action has been taken by HEW and I know what a severe blow it will be to the Lamar County schools ~~as~~ these funds are not restored. I will certainly continue to do all I can to check the extreme ~~and~~ unreasonable demands of HEW and protect the rights of our schools to receive the funds to which they are entitled. I am hopeful that some relief will be provided through several amendments we were able to add to the Labor-HEW Appropriations bill prohibiting HEW from cutting off funds to force a child to attend the school against the choice of his parents and also prohibiting the cutoff of forest funds. These amendments are presently before the Senate-House Conference Committee, and as one of the Senate Conferees you may be assured ~~that~~ I will give them my special attention with your situation in mind and make every effort to see that these amendments are retained.

I appreciate your writing me on this matter, and whenever I can be of special service to you in any way I certainly hope you will not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis  
United States Senator

JS/mp