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Dear Delegate:

You probably know that your Democratic Party State Executive Committee at its recent meeting voted to support the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's effort to be seated at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City in place of the delegation from the Eastland-Barnett Democratic Party of Mississippi. We trust that you strongly endorse the action taken by your state executive committee.

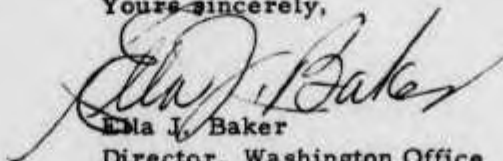
The long history of the denial of the Negro's right to vote in Mississippi and the flagrant disloyalty of the existing Mississippi Democratic Party to the principles and platform of the National Democratic Party make it necessary to create new channels through which all the people of Mississippi can be represented in the 1964 Democratic National Convention. To do less at this historical moment would be a shame and a disgrace.

We urge that your entire delegation use the full weight of its prestige and voting strength to see that the challenge raised by the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party receives a full and open hearing before the Credentials Committee of the Convention, and if the Credentials Committee fails to seat the Freedom Democratic Party, that your delegation call for a minority report and a roll-call vote to permit the Mississippi issue to be discussed on the floor of the convention.

For your information, we are enclosing a copy of your state executive committee's resolution urging that the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party be seated at the convention, and a statement on why and how the Freedom Democratic Party was formed. Resolutions supporting the seating of the Freedom Democratic Party have been passed either in convention or by the state executive committee of California, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

The people of Mississippi depend on you for help. We look forward to your support at the convention in Atlantic City.

Yours sincerely,



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