MISSISSIPPI Freedom Democratic Party

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Dear Parent of Mississippi Summer Volunteers,

As one who is directly related to the Mississippi Freedom Movement, we know you will want to help the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and the challenge it will present to the existing dixiecratic democratic party of Mississippi at the National Democratic Convention next month.

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is an outgrowth of the voter registration programs which have been carried on for three years, and a realization that voter registration alone will not be able to gain the franchise for Mississippi Negroes. We have begun to develop a party which is just like the existing party, except that the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is open to all and invites participation.

Through the process of precinct, county, and district meetings, and finally at a state-wide convention, which will be held August 6th, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party will elect a full slate of delegates to go to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City on August 24th. The delegates from our party will ask the Democratic Party Convention to seat them instead of the regular Eastland-Barnett group.

Many of the summer volunteers are aiding the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party working in the Freedom Registration, and helping to organize precinct and county meetings. Here is what you can do to help.

Contact your delegates to the Democratic National Convention and ask them to vote for the seating of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. You can find out who the delegates from your area are through your local county democratic organization. Ask your friends and relatives to do the same.

Help make democracy work in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Walter Tillow