

MISSISSIPPI PROJECT PARENTS COMMITTEE
Room 803, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
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Dear Parents,

As the parents of a son or daughter involved in the Mississippi Summer Project you are already aware of the importance of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) and the challenge it will present to the seating of the "regular" delegation from Mississippi at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, August 24 to 27. Many of us have been urged by our children to participate in this effort, which could have wide implications both in Mississippi and the entire South.

As voters and citizens in your communities you can help the MFDP. We urge you to read the enclosed brochure and then do as many of the following things as possible:

1. Write to Gov. David Lawrence, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, 216 Executive Office, The White House, Washington, D.C. Tell him about the volunteers from your community working in Mississippi and the work they are doing in voter registration and about the wide support that has developed for the project. Ask him to do all in his power to see that the MFDP delegation is seated at the convention.
2. Your State has two delegates to the Credentials Committee and a number of delegates to the Convention. Find out who they are. Your local County Democratic organization has this information.
3. Write or wire Credentials Committee members and urge them to support the Freedom challenge in the Committee and if necessary call for a minority report and a roll-call vote so that the Mississippi issue can be discussed on the Convention floor.
4. Get as many others as possible to do the same - as the parent of a summer volunteer you have great influence! Approach local organizations for help.
5. Go to the convention if asked to.

The following states have, either through convention or executive action, voiced support of the Freedom Challenge through passage of resolutions: California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, N.Y., Oregon, Wisconsin. Other delegations are being contacted with the hope that they too will lend their support to this effort - especially Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

There is very little time. We trust you will start without delay.

Yours for freedom,

W. Fraser

Chairman

Please complete and return:

NAME.....ADDRESS.....PHONE #...

I will attend the convention if called upon.....

I enclose a contribution toward mailing costs.....

Comments.....