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MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
926 Pennsylvania Avenue S.E.  
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June 12, 1965

"We dare not let men pretend to a seat in this honorable House who have been chosen by a closed vote in a closed society...We must say to them that they cannot run a society like Soviet Russia and then claim seats in the American Congress; that they cannot win "elections" from a system based on murder and then claim the right to govern free men"

Hon. JAMES ROOSEVELT, (D) CALIFORNIA  
OPENING DAY OF CONGRESS JANUARY 4, 1965

THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS PASSED BY ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONGRESSIONAL CHALLENGE; AS OF JUNE 12, 1965

THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

"We believe the Congress should exercise its authority and unseat the delegation, and we shall join in the effort when the next round of the battle is waged in July. More than that we shall continue to back the campaign to eliminate completely discriminatory voting requirements in Mississippi so that free and democratic elections will be held."

JOHN de J. PEMBERTON, JR. APRIL 17, 1965  
Executive Director, ACLU

THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

"I wholeheartedly support as I have from the beginning, this Challenge...The unseating of the Mississippi Congressmen will be the test of the moral integrity of the Congress of the United States. I, therefore, again pledge myself and the SCLC to the fullest support of the Challenge of the MFDP and call upon all Americans to join with me in this commitment."

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MAY 17, 1965  
President, SCLC

THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

"It is only when Congress unseats the Mississippians and conducts free and open elections will the forces opposed to Negroes voting understand that this Nation is serious about guaranteeing the rights of Negroes not only to register, but to participate in the political processes and to use their vote freely."

JOHN LEWIS MAY 17, 1965  
National Chairman, SNCC

THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

"I ask of this Congress fast remedial action and the rejection of the regular Mississippi congressional pretenders who have been elected on a platform of blood and disenfranchisement."

JAMES FARMER May 17, 1965  
National Chairman, CORE

THE MICHIGAN STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

"Be it RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of the State of Michigan urges the Democratic Members of Congress from Michigan to continue to vote for the unseating of the Mississippi delegation until such a delegation is elected in free elections, open to all people and conducted in accordance with the Constitution."

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE CALL FOR UNSEATING OF THE MISSISSIPPIANS AND FOR FREE ELECTIONS IN MISSISSIPPI:

THE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY  
LOUISIANA COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED CITIZENS  
COLORADO STATE COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL (CALIF)  
NEW YORK COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC VOTERS  
UAW LOCAL 136X, AFL-CIO  
THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND  
4TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS ASSO.  
AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION  
CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL  
NORTHERN STUDENT MOVEMENT  
SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE  
THE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (CHICAGO)  
NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR INTERRACIAL JUSTICE  
NEW YORK COUNCIL 46174  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE)  
(list incomplete due to constant expansion)