

Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party
Jackson Office
507½ North Farish Street
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Dear Mississippi Minister;

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference the National Council of Churches, and leading voices of the Church in America are supporting the Congressional Challenge of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

Now that Congress has passed the Voting Bill, the unseating of the five Mississippi Congressmen (who certainly do not represent all the people of the state) is the major civil rights issue and the major moral issue before the government. The Christian Century, most influential Protestant magazine in the nation, states: "If the challenge does win, it will very likely do more for democracy in the south than will the voting rights bill."

We are sure that you, a Mississippi church leader, will join with the religious leaders of America, in working to win this Challenge. This is not just a political issue, but as Dr. King says,.... "the test of the moral integrity of the Congress."

Help your people to understand the Challenge, to give public support to the Challenge, to raise funds to send a group from your Church to Washington late in August to visit the capital and talk to northern congressmen about Mississippi. Try to come to Washington yourself.

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party want the wisdom, strength, and support of the Ministers of Mississippi as well as those of other states in this effort to unseat the present illegal congressmen and have free elections in our state. We are sure you help us in every way you can. Contact your local MFDP or state office (Jackson), 948-4038 for further information.

Sincerely,

Reverend Ed King
Tougallo, Mississippi

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Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party