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Congressman Schisler
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Schisler:

I've been meaning to write ever since the November election, just to say how pleased I am at your being elected. But with so much happening here all the time I have trouble getting to the typewriter as frequently as I should. Anyway, I voted for you by absentee ballot. I'm from Galesburg, Ill., a June '64 graduate of Knox College there. I've been in Mississippi working for COFO since the end of June and plan to stay on here for some time yet.

Naturally I was hoping that you would vote against the seating of the regular Mississippi congressmen and was glad when you did. Will we have your support when the issue comes to a vote again after the evidence gathered by both sides is all in? Maybe that's an unfair question. But from where I'm sitting the depositions that are being taken by MFDP lawyers are so full of proof that the regular representatives are unrepresentative that I can't conceive of anyone not supporting the MFDP position, though I know that many never will.

I would also like to hear from you on the ASC elections. I'm enclosing a summary report and a copy of the complaint which we've filed with Secretary Freeman. Anything you could do to help urge Mr. Freeman to call new, and well-monitored, elections would be appreciated.

Yours for Freedom,

Jo Ann Colman
Canton COFO