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**Norfolk Christian Leadership Conference**

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT

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OFFICE OF:

Executive Secretary

1228 Virginia Beach Boulevard  
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June 2, 1965

Hon. Ted Kennedy  
The United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Re: The Voting Rights Act of 1965

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The Norfolk Christian Leadership Conference takes this opportunity to commend you for your outstanding leadership in seeking to add a poll tax ban to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Although that effort failed, we trust that you rally your forces to influence the action of the Senate-House Committee, and ultimately send to the President a complete and meaningful Voting Rights Bill.

The beautiful maiden of democracy lies prostrate at the door of Congress, pregnant with right, begging to be delivered. We have the faith that you and your colleagues will put forth your all, to see to it that she does not suffer the cruel pain of mis-carriage.

Very truly yours,

*Joseph A. Jordan, Jr.*

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