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August 24, 1981

MORE ON THE REAGAN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 8/18/81:

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"The Reagan administration, rejecting pleas from Missouri officials, urged the U. S. Supreme Court not to hear an appeal of court-ordered desegregation of St. Louis schools.

'St. Louis schools were segregated pursuant to Missouri law', the Justice Department said in a brief filed with the court Monday and reported by the Associated Press.

'The state has been ordered to assist in remedying that constitutional violation', the brief said. 'The decisions (of the lower courts) were squarely governed by decisions of this (U. S. Supreme) court. Accordingly, the petition should be denied.'

Speaking to the Justice Department's statements that decisions of the lower courts "were squarely governed" by decisions of the Supreme Court, Larry R. Marshall, state assistant attorney general, said, 'We don't believe they were squarely governed - they exceeded their grounds.'

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The gist of the above is that the Reagan Department of Justice agrees with past Supreme Court decisions approving or refusing to overturn racial balance busing orders of lower federal courts. The position of the Reagan Department of Justice, we must assume, is "squarely governed" by past Supreme Court decisions.

By this rationale, the Reagan Department of Justice must agree with every single busing order in place in the United States.

And, if present and future litigation are to be "squarely governed" by past Supreme Court decisions in the eyes of the Justice Department, we wonder how that department can bring itself to meaningfully reverse past pro-busing direction and implement the announced Reagan position "against" forced busing.

The bottom line is that there is no real difference between the Reagan Department of Justice and the Carter Department of Justice.

William D. D'Onofrio, President  
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5829 Rabbit-Run Drive  
St. Louis, Mo. 63129  
September 28, 1981

*Handwritten signature/initials*

Dear Ms. Hale,

I am sure that you have seen numerous copies of this letter (other side) in your mailbox during this past week or two. Let me assure you that Ms. Johnson speaks for thousands of St. Louisans who are less eloquent than she, but just as adamantly opposed to forced busing. The feeling here is strong, and ever-growing, that the Reagan Administration is letting the busing issue (and us) sink. We are feeling especially betrayed since many of us voted for Mr. Reagan and support most of his policies. He is carrying through on most of his pledges - but what about his alleged opposition to forced busing?? We are tired of waiting! Please advise the President that we are looking for some action now.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Patricia Clements



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The Open Letter to President Reagan (below) will be appearing on the front page of "The Bottom Line" newspaper mailed to the members of the four St. Louis County anti-busing groups. Written by Betty Johnson, "The Bottom Line" editor, it has been sent to the President, the Office of Public Liaison, Attorney-General William French Smith, Secretary of Education Tyrell Bell, Presidential Counselor Edwin Meese III, and leading Senate and House Republicans.

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# THIS IS THE BOTTOM LINE

VOL. 1 No. 4

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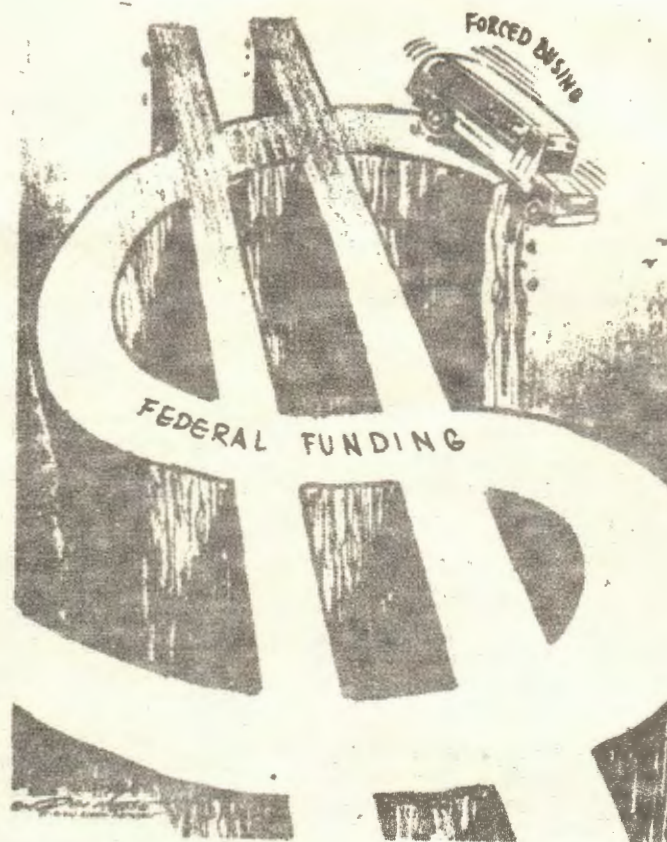
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ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT JUNE 11, 1981

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## IMPORTANT MEETING DATES:

**SEPT. 15** WCANS Meeting. Selvidge Jr. High School, 235 New Ballwin Road, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. Walter Meyer, District Administrator for Congressman Robert A. Young.

**SEPT. 22** SCANS Meeting. Mehlville Sr. High School, 3120 Lemay Ferry Road, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker: William Moss, Vice President of Columbus, Ohio Board of Education.

**SEPT. 23** NO-BUS Meeting. Holman Junior High School, 11055 St. Charles Rock Road, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker: William Moss, Vice President of Columbus, Ohio Board of Education.

**SEPT. 30** ACCA Meeting. Affton Senior High Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker: State Representative Walt Mueller, author of anti-busing legislation.

### THINGS TO DO:

At NANS request, we are urging all area members of anti-busing groups (that's you) to write the Congressmen representing the eastern half of Missouri asking them to sign the discharge petitions Number 1 and Number 4. Discharge petition Number 1 refers to the Mottl Constitutional Amendment to ban busing. Discharge petition Number 4 refers to the Ashbrook bill which prohibits assignment of students to schools on the basis of their race, creed, color, etc.

NANS feels both pieces of legislation stand a good chance of passing on the floor of the House if we can just get them out of Committee. That's what the discharge petitions will do - get them to the House floor for a vote.

Congressmen for this area are: Richard Gephardt, Robert Young, Wendell Bailey, Harold Volkmer, and William Emerson. They all have the same address:

Missouri Congressman \_\_\_\_\_  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

## WCANS IN ACTION

by Dave Husman

The Fund-Raising Committee wants to thank all those who participated in and donated to our booth at Ballwin Days. A big Thank You, also, for all the help in the past. We cannot accomplish our goals without the willing cooperation of our members united in purpose and in full support of our organization.

With vacations nearly over and school just around the corner, regretfully, the dark prospect of FORCED BUSING will again become a foremost issue in our daily lives. We will face this issue in our first fall meeting on September 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym of Selvidge Jr. High School at 235 New Ballwin Road, Ballwin, MO. with the very dynamic and knowledgeable Mr. Walter Meyer, District Administrator for Congressman Robert A. Young. This is an important meeting and all members are urged to attend and bring as many NEW PEOPLE as possible. Our main strength lies in full citizen participation. We also hold the quilt drawing with tickets available at the beginning of the meeting.

**SPECIAL:** Contact with our organization may now be made by interested people by calling 821-2040.



## - INSIDE SCANS -

SCANS "HOT-LINE" 846-7267

SCANS has had a phone installed specifically for the convenience of our members. The phone will be manned during regular business hours by a staff of volunteers who will answer your questions regarding meeting dates and current developments on the issue of forced busing. We will also appreciate hearing your comments, suggestions, and pertinent information you may have.

Our volunteers may not be fully qualified to answer all of your questions, but will be in a position to refer you to someone who can.

THE PHONE NUMBER IS 846-7267. Please call between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., your message will be recorded and someone will be in touch with you as soon as possible. We hope you will take advantage of this "HOTLINE" because a well-informed membership is the key to our success.

### BBQ A SUPER BASH "THANKS, DIERBERG'S"

SCANS BBQ, held August 14 & 15, was a HUGE success. Approximately \$1300 was raised for the lobbying fund.

The committee, headed by Tammy Swinger & Judy Busso, did a fantastic job - and a HEARTFELT THANKS to all who helped with the two-day project. For a while it looked like the rain Saturday morning was going to force a cancellation, BUT Somebody Up There was on our side and the rain stopped in time for the fire to be lit.

OUR DEEPEST AND MOST SINCERE EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE TO DIERBERG'S (at Telegraph & Yaeger) for allowing us the use of their grounds and all the truly nice things they did to help us succeed.

READY FOR SECONDS?

SCANS is going to hold another BBQ, October 2nd & 3rd, same place, same time. BE SURE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP (THOSE WHO DID HAD A BALL) AND BE SURE TO COME AND GET YOUR DINNERS FROM US THAT WEEKEND.



## WHAT HAPPENED IN D.C.?

Here are some details of the trip Barbara & I took to Washington, D.C. to do some "first hand" lobbying.

On June 3, NANS President Bill D'Onofrio testified before the Senate committee investigating the busing issue. He was particularly pleased to find that anti-busers were in the majority this time. The only pro-buser seen was Gary Orfield and his testimony was often interrupted by Sen. Biden's anti-busing remarks.

That afternoon we had an opportunity to express ourselves to Morton Blackwell, special assistant to the President. He spoke at some length about his views which coincide exactly with ours. We received assurances that the administration will not hinder or veto anti-busing legislation if passed by Congress. He also offered to help arrange future meetings with key people in the Justice Dept. with our lobbyist.

On June 4 we met with Sec. of Education Terrel Bell, who was most explicit in her personal observations of the disastrous effects busing has on education across the nation. He declared that the current administration's policy is following the President's campaign promises and, while the executive branch cannot formulate law, his department would do nothing to hinder Congress. He also offered to arrange further meetings with administration people.

Barbara and I called on Sen. Danforth and Congressman Gephardt. Both reaffirmed previous promises to work on legislation and to support anti-busing efforts.

Although pleased with the results of our meetings, Bill D'Onofrio made a statement that we should all heed:

"We have assurance from two major departments in the executive branch of our government that that will support legislation passed by Congress. We also have, for the first time, a workable Congress. It's up to us in NANA to see that Congress does its job."

We most strongly urge all SCANS members who do not already belong to NANS to join immediately. In numbers there is strength. The NANS approach (to make Congress do its job) is producing results and we CANNOT LET UP NOW! We will need all the muscle we can muster to push this over the top.

Ora Mae French



# WE LOVE YOU, GLOBE-DEMOCRAT!!!

## Why Not a Referendum on Busing?

The proposed initiative petition drive by opponents of forced busing in the St. Louis Area, calling for a nonbinding statewide referendum on court-ordered busing of students out of their home districts, could serve as a good vehicle for expressing public sentiment on this controversial issue.

Supporters of the drive hope the results will influence state legislators into passing a state law against compulsory busing or supporting a state constitutional amendment banning busing. The drive, sponsored by the National Association of Neighborhood Schools (NANS) of Eastern Missouri, is aimed at putting the issue on the November 1982 ballot.

It has been surprising how a number of federal judges, working with a few ardent proponents of forced busing, have been able to keep this undemocratic, unsuccessful mandatory busing strategy going in a number of cities despite overwhelming popular opposition to compelling school children to be bused out of their neighborhood school district (most public opinion polls show that more than 75 percent of parents are opposed to mandatory busing).

A statewide referendum, even though it is labeled as "nonbinding," does carry a lot of weight. If the petition drive is successful and the busing issue goes on the ballot, the results could influence legislators. Lawmakers who wish to remain in office pay close attention to these referendums.

A Globe-Democrat-KMOX TV poll of residents of St. Louis on the issue of mandatory busing released in early February of this year showed that 75 percent of those polled opposed mandatory busing as has been ordered here by the federal courts, with only 18 percent favoring it, and 7 percent having no opinion. The poll found that black residents oppose compulsory busing by a margin of 59-34 percent, with 7 percent having no opinion. White residents oppose forced busing 87-7, with 6 percent having no opinion.

If a large majority of Missourians indicate they are opposed to forced busing in a statewide referendum (as might be expected in view of the Globe-Democrat-KMOX TV poll findings), it could prove politically unwise for state legislators not to act upon such a mandate.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT, July 30, 1981

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## THREE CHEERS FOR THE LIST BELOW

Listed below are the names of area business that contributed items, from catsup to napkins to hot dogs to donuts for the refreshment stand at our May 2nd Tailgate Sale. This booth brought a clear profit toward the lobbying fund because of these donations. We hope you will patronize these business establishments in your community who have so generously helped us in our efforts.

Southern Commercial Bank - 7201 So. Broadway  
Hoffmeister Funeral Home - 6464 Chippewa  
Burger Chef - 2866 Telegraph Rd.  
McDonald's - 4015 Lemay Ferry Rd.  
Dairy Queen - 3810 Lemay Ferry Rd.  
Duerst Meats - 2549 Telegraph Rd.  
G & M Meats - 3538 Lemay Ferry Rd.  
Jane's Ceramics - 5102 Windleigh Place  
Kupa Meats - 4170 Gravois  
A & A Meats - 3455 Hampton  
McArthur's Bakery - 3417 Lemay Ferry Rd.  
Heimbürger's Bakery - 5400 S. Lindbergh Blvd.  
The DonutHouse - 8500 Morganford  
Ben Franklin - 2912 Telegraph Rd.

## AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE

SCANS member Bill Holmes (owner of South County Printing Co., 2611 Telegraph Rd.) has very generously offered SCANS a way to raise additional funds for the lobbying effort.

If you need the services of a professional printer, take your business to Bill. He will give a 10% discount on the printing - 5% discount to you and 5% to be donated to the NANS lobbying fund. To qualify for the discount, just tell Bill you read of his offer in THE BOTTOM LINE.

Call his office at 487-7825. THANKS, BILL, FOR HELPING US TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN.



## ACCA UPDATE

The **ACCA** has been actively engaged in their letter writing campaign this summer as well as sending personal opinion telegrams to our Senators and Congressmen.

We are extremely happy to report the Affton and Bayless school districts have declined to participate in this latest coercion and threat by the Federal Court.

In July, all six **NANS** organizations held a joint press conference to announce an initiative petition drive to have a preferential referendum put on the state ballot in November 1982. It will read "SHOULD PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BE FORCED BY THE COURTS TO BE BUSED INVOLUNTARILY BEYOND THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS BASED SOLELY ON THEIR RACE, COLOR, CREED OR SEX." This petition drive was kicked off at the August 4 election. Volunteers from **ACCA** worked polls in the 1st congressional district. Due to the light voter turn out, the number of signatures gained was very small. We will be going door-to-door this fall. We need volunteers for this. If you can give an afternoon or evening, please contact Mary Eckhoff, 638-2858. (A special thanks to all volunteers who worked the polls in August.)

**NANS/Metro** has reorganized to include Jefferson County and St. Charles County. Our new name is **NANS of EASTERN MISSOURI**. There are six affiliates comprising this coalition; **ACCA**, **SCANS**, **WCANS**, **NO-BUS**, **ANSJC** and **STC CANS**. Each group has members representing their group at the co-ordinating council.

**ACCA's** next meeting will be September 30th, 7:30 p.m. at Affton Senior High Cafeteria. Guest speaker will be State Rep. Walt Mueller, Author of the State Preferential Election On Busing. (See back page for details) Come and bring a neighbor or friend.

## NOTED COLUMBUS, OHIO SCHOOL BOARD VP TO SPEAK AT SCANS & NO-BUS MEETINGS

**SCANS** has invited William Moss, Vice President of the Columbus (Ohio) School Board, to come to St. Louis and speak to us on the issue of forced racial balance busing. Mr. Moss has worked with **NANS of Columbus** for many years. He is a gifted public speaker and an ardent opponent to the policy of federally-mandated racial school assignments. He has seen, first hand, the deterioration of public education of Columbus brought about by the courts.

Mr. Moss will be here for 2 days — Sept. 22 and 23 — during which time he hopes to reach as many people as possible, particularly our black citizens, with his message. He said recently, "If we are to have any success in trying to make some sense out of this devilish busing, we absolutely must get black people to see that they need to join with those of us who are trying to do something." Mr. Moss, himself a black, knows that forced busing is not a "remedy," but is one of the major obstacles toward solving the problems of racial harmony and quality education for all children.

In addition to extensive media interviews, Mr. Moss will be speaking at 2 meetings during his visit to St. Louis. The first meeting, hosted by **SCANS**, is on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Mehlville Sr. High School, 3120 Lemay Ferry Road. The second meeting, hosted by **No-Bus**, is on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Holman Jr. High School, St. Charles Rock Road and Lindbergh, across the street from Northwest Plaza. We urge all of you to attend one or both of these meetings.



## SCANS UPDATE

by Barbara Mueller

As many of you have been informed, I have been appointed to the **NANS Board of Directors** to represent our 6 affiliates in **NANS of Eastern Missouri**. I just returned from another trip to Washington, D.C., wherein I attended my first **NANS Board Meeting**. The entire weekend was spent working on wording for legislation designed to stop forced racial balanced busing. It is significant that Senator Orrin Hatch, Chairman of the Senate subcommittee whose job it is to write this legislation, requested that **NANS** help in the wording and formulation of the bill.

If my impressions of the entire weekend and of the feeling of the other **NANS Board Members** could be summed up in a single word, that word would be "urgency." It is the consensus of the **NANS Board**, and the **NANS lobbyist** was so instructed, that we immediately request and receive a meeting with President Ronald Reagan. **NANS** suffered through 4 years of pro-buser Jimmy Carter. With the election of Ronald Reagan, we expected a change. But, it appears that Reagan's "Injustice" Department is making Carter policy their "business as usual."

President Reagan, largely due to the force of his own personality, was successful in passing his budget and tax cuts through both Houses of Congress. **NANS** will now request that the President turn his attention to those other issues for which he was elected, namely ending the racism and tyranny of racial school assignments. Empty rhetoric and occasional lip service will no longer suffice. It is **NANS** opinion that the time for action is **NOW** while we have a solid anti-busing majority in both Houses of Congress and a President who says he supports us.

We are entering a period of increased activity regarding anti-forced busing legislation. Will our President assume an activist role is passage of this crucial legislation? Will Mr. Reagan call off the mad dogs by cleaning house at the Justice Department? Will our President make certain that those people to whom he has delegated authority share his avowed philosophy? **OR HAVE WE BEEN LIED TO?** In the next several months, we will have our answer.

Our **NANS lobbyist** is working hard for us and we have worked hard for him: The **SCANS Bar-B-Que** raised \$1,300.00 for the lobbying effort. Our deepest thanks to all of you who contributed your time, money, and resources making this fund-raising event so successful.

**PLEASE NOTE!!!** Our next **SCANS** meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 22 — not on the 23rd as was previously reported. We had to change the date since our guest speaker, William Moss (read the Moss article printed in this issue), is also scheduled to speak at the No-Bus meeting in North St. Louis County, but No-Bus could only get their meeting place on the 23rd. So, we "switched" dates with them. Please consult the list of meeting dates printed on the inside front cover of this issue, and make a notation on your calendars. It is **VERY** important that our meetings be well-attended. The media will be there and the pro-busers will be watching.

## CONGRATULATIONS, BARB!!!

Barbara Mueller, **SCANS** President, was appointed to the **NANS Board of Directors** in a meeting in Washington, D.C., on the weekend of August 14. She will represent the **NANS of Eastern Missouri** affiliates in future meetings of the **NANS Board of Directors**. For her analysis of the **NANS** meeting, read the **SCANS Report** in this issue of the **Bottom Line**.



## **NO-BUS NEWS**

Submitted by Karen Menkhus

In mid-July, the merger of the North County Citizens for Neighborhood Schools with the NO-BUS organization was announced. This newly-merged group will operate under the NO-BUS name and will cover a geographic area reaching from Creve Coeur/Maryland Heights to Spanish Lake/Riverview Gardens.

The first meeting of our merged organization will be held on September 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Fort Bellefontaine Hall at 11896 Raymond Avenue in Spanish Lake (go east on 270, north on Bellefontaine Road, east on Redman for one long block, then north on Raymond for one block).

On September 23, 1981, NO-BUS will hold a meeting at Holman Junior High beginning at 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 11055 St. Charles Rock Road directly across the street from Northwest Plaza. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Mr. William Moss, Vice President of the Columbus, Ohio Board of Education. **BE CERTAIN TO PLAN TO ATTEND. THIS SHOULD BE AN EXCITING MEETING.** (Additional information on Mr. Moss can be found elsewhere within this bulletin.)

**REMINDER:** Members of all six NANS affiliates are requested to send recipes for use in a cookbook to be published and sold jointly by all of the groups. We continue to need recipes for all categories, including Main Dishes/Soups, Salads, Sauces & Dressings/Meatless Meals-Entrees/Vegetable Dishes/Appetizers, Pickles & Relishes/Bread & Rolls/Pies & Pastries/Cakes & Icings/Cookies. After all those desserts, let's add a category called "Low Calorie." Send recipes directly to Mrs. Doris Zipoy, 11965 Breezemont Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043 (Tel. No. 291-6842). Be sure to include your name and telephone number.

**QUESTION:** Just what does a NANS/NO-BUS membership really buy?

**ANSWER:** Collective CLOUT. Oh, sure, the money from dues will help to defray operating expenses, but the most important thing that your dues will buy is collective clout with politicians and with the media. Send in your dues now. We need your help...and your CLOUT.

**WELCOME TO THE NEWEST ANTI-BUSING NANS AFFILIATE**

**IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY - "NO BUS" - REPRESENTING**

**THE NORTH COUNTY AREA**

**HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ABOARD**

FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF FORCED-BUSING!!!  
WM. MOSS, VICE-PRES. OF COLUMBUS, OHIO  
BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER  
AT SCANS MEETING  
TUES., SEPT. 22, 7:30 PM  
AT MEHLVILLE SR. HIGH, 3120 LEMAY FERRY RD.

SCANS  
P.O. BOX 10753  
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10/1/81

Dear Morton Blackwell

On a recent radio program St. Louis's democratic mayor made some telling comments. That he attended a meeting just himself and his wife, the government sent five lawyers from Washington. Another meeting just him and nine federal employees. He said the cities and states have had to make drastic budget cuts, now its the federal governments turn, or they are a bunch of hypocrites.

I suppose budget cuts will effect some federal employees, but I think that the useless and duplicated jobs should be eliminated. I know who was responsible for the creation of those jobs, but you know they will always try to place the blame elsewhere. The bureaucrats should be called on to account for those jobs, the job descriptions should be broken down to the actual work done. Surely there must be honest people who if prosted would be able to shed much light on the subject. With Senator Proxmire already

highlighting waste he would surely be one  
to co-operate. I don't believe the administration  
should ignore this, because I don't think  
the opposition will.

Sincerely

Mary Felskewith

Felskewith  
501 Ringnell Co.  
St. Louis Mo 63125



October 1, 1981

Walter Blackwell  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I'm tired of all the political rhetoric. We see and hear nothing but "federal budget cuts," yet we continue to push the busing effort. President Reagan stated in his campaign of "no forced busing," and still the Justice Dept is pushing it. Why? Was this just a good campaign platform? A way to get votes. Obviously, the man didn't really need to deceive anyone since he won by such a wide margin.

I recently listened to Bill Nass, a black man from the Columbus, Ohio school board. He convinced me even more that busing is a total waste. He said that it is not helping the black children, that millions of gallons of gasoline are being wasted

in that city alone, that it has made  
enemies of the races where everyone  
was beginning to make an effort for  
peace and harmony before. If this  
is truly the case, and I believe it is,  
then why continue this effort. Why  
turn each town and each state  
into complete turmoil?

In St. Louis many school districts  
have come under financial hard times.  
This summer the suburban districts  
were asked to "volunteer" to bus. We  
answered "no." and now we are facing  
mandatory litigation. What was the  
freedom of choice? If you "volunteered"  
you had busing, if you didn't you  
had busing. Well my choice is -  
if I don't want my children bused I pay  
to send them to a private school. While  
I still pay taxes for a public school -  
such a deal - pay and still pay.

Carel Swehla  
5310, Bmbs Ct.

St. Louis, Mo 63112

P.S. Save the form letter  
and the postage. Whenever I get one I feel  
that's all my letter meant - it fell on deaf ears.



9/27/87

Dear Mr. Blackwell;

"As a concerned citizen and taxpayer, I urge you to support a Constitutional Amendment and/or legislation which would eliminate the policy of forced busing to achieve racial balance in our public schools."

Thank You  
Theresa C. Wesolowski.

St. Louis, Mo.  
Sept. 26, 1981

Mr. Martin Blackwell  
128 Executive Office Bldg.  
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

As a concerned citizen and taxpayer, I urge you to support a Constitutional Amendment and/or legislation which would eliminate the policy of forced busing to achieve racial balance in our public schools. Incidentally our school has a mixture of black and white children.

The busing issue needs to be ended. The states who now suffer through it have the headache of fantastic gas bills (busses) per day, a marked drop off in the children's grades, a marked increase in the drug traffic, and a definite increase in crime in these areas.

Please help our state before this scar on society gets started. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Peterman  
9330 Melanie Dr.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63137



1-19-82

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Office of Public Liaison

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

As a member of NANS and our local SCANS we are strongly opposed to forced busing.

We are doing all we can at our end. We need all your support to stop this Supreme Court tyranny. Busing to achieve a racial balance is wrong. We will all keep working until it is stopped for once and for all by a constitutional amendment.

Keep pressure on the right people.

The Ed Fox Family  
7122 Sandoral Ct.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63129

Sept 16, 1981

Morton Blackwell  
Office of Public Liaison  
Room 191  
Old Exec. Off Bldg  
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. Nofziger:

Please urge this administration  
to give active support to the Strate  
rider attached to the authorization  
bill for the Justice Dept. There  
will be problems in the House.

Strong Presidential leadership  
will make the difference.

Sincerely  
William H. McAlister, Jr.  
54 Middlesex  
St Louis Missouri 63144



Dear Mr. Blackwell,

The Republican plank against forced  
busing caused a vast majority of people  
around the country to cast their ballots for  
the Republican party. Now we are waiting  
for you to make good on these promises.

This issue is as big as budget cuts and  
tax cuts in the hearts of mothers & fathers  
thru out the country. Thank  
you.



MR ALLYN L WAGSTAFF  
225 HERNAN DR  
ST LOUIS MO 63123

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Mr. Morton Blackwell  
128 Executive Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.  
20501



9/21/87

Dear Mr. Blackwell

As a concerned citizen and taxpayer, I urge you to support a Constitutional Amendment and/or legislation which would eliminate the policy of forced busing to achieve racial balance in our public schools.

Thank You

Mrs. Theresa Wesolowski



Rose Keselowski  
9331 Melanie  
St. Louis, MO 63131  
Sep 20, 1981

Martin Blackwell  
128 Executive Ofc Bldg  
Wash DC 20501

Dear Mr Blackwell,

As a concerned citizen and taxpayer,  
I urge you to support a Constitutional  
amendment and/or legislation which  
would eliminate the policy of forced  
busing to achieve racial balance in  
our public schools.

Sincerely,

Rose Keselowski



October 7, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Office of Public Liaison  
Room 191  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Just a short note to let you know that I am a member of NANS and I am very much against forced busing for racial balance in our public schools.

Being a member of NANS allows me to become more aware of what is going on at the Federal, State, and local levels of government concerning busing.

If there is any good that comes from forced busing, I would certainly like to be informed of it. It does not create racial harmony, it does not provide a better education for children, black or white, and it is such a waste of our tax dollars that could be put to better use in this time of financial crisis in our public schools. Forced busing is a policy, not even a law, that is covered under the Civil Rights Act.

Anything you can do to stop forced busing would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joe W. Wilson  
4160 Liguori Lane  
Bridgeton, Missouri 63044

OCT 7, 1981

Morton Blackwell  
Office of Public Liaison  
Room 191

Old Executive Off. Bldg  
White House  
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

The 1964 Civil Rights law  
prohibits children from being transported  
to distant schools because of their  
race.

Have you explored using that  
law to help curb forced busing?  
President must actively support anti-  
busing legislation especially Rep.  
Mott's Constitutional amendment if



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Judicial tyranny is to be controlled.

Sincerely

William H McAlister m.d.  
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