

Salem, Massachusetts
July 27, 1966

Hon. [William] Bates
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Bates:

I had to write at the same time about our concern and the concern of all my friends and people with whom I come in contact in Greater Salem and the County about the nibbling away of our rights by new laws being created under the current wave of hysteria.

Especially am I referring to the pending Federal Housing Law and to "Title IV" H.R. 14765 and S. 3296.

It is a growing tendency to destroy basic rights of all Americans. This bill goes too far.

The current Civil Rights legislation is too one-sided - it is not considering the rights of ALL Americans. Keep America on an even keel - slow down this rush of do-good legislation that will only cause greater strife and lead to the weakening of the individual's rights of freedom and action.

We need to look ahead to the future years and the growing danger of government control of...all our actions.

Yours truly,

July 29, 1966

Salem, Massachusetts

Dear

I was very pleased to receive your thoughtful letter thanking me for the small part which I played in your son and daughter-in-law's visit to the Nation's Capital.

In regard to your opposition to Title IV of the Civil Rights Bill, I intend to vote for certain changes in Title IV but just what amendments will be offered I am not certain at this time. However, I do not intend to vote for any legislation which is more stringent than we presently have in Massachusetts.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

William H. Bates