

January 17, 1972

REP. LOUIS STOKES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ROOM 315
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir:

January 15 is the birth date of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Nobel Peace Prize winner, and still this date has not been declared a national legal holiday.

We have long advocated that this date should be set aside as a day of memoriam to the courage, convictions and accomplishments of this great man. The nationwide influence of Dr. King's concern for all mankind, including the poor and underprivileged, lives on. January 15th would be, at least, a yearly reminder for the people of all colors "To put it together" so that all Americans can equally share in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

Please support our position that January 15th should be declared a national holiday or a day of memoriam.

Sincerely yours,
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