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Dear Colleague:

On January 15th, we shall commemorate the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On that day, I shall again introduce legislation to designate Dr. King's birthday as a national public holiday.

I have advocated that the Congress and the nation honor Dr. King's work and memory in this way ever since his tragic assassination. In successive sessions of the Congress, I have been joined in my efforts by an increasing number of Members who share my conviction that the love and commitment to human dignity which Dr. King embodied must be cherished and fostered. Establishing January 15th as a national holiday will insure that there will be at least one day each year when we collectively stop to consider how far we have progressed toward brotherhood and equality, and how much further we still have to go.

This legislation will not only honor the memory of a great American. It will also honor the best in each of us.

The bill I shall introduce will read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That subsection (a) of section 6103 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately below

"January 1, New Year's Day."

the following:

"January 15, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Junior."

If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please contact me or Stanley Bach (ext. 55126) on or before Monday, January 13th.

Sincerely,



John Conyers, Jr.
Member of Congress

