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Dear Rev. Abernethy,

I am writing you this letter to express my desires for having Congress enact a law declaring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday.

I want Dr. King's birthday declared a national holiday to remind the whole world over, for centuries to come, that Martin Luther King Jr. suffered and sacrificed his life so that all mankind may one day, live together in brotherhood. I believe that what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood for, and died for, must always be kept alive in the heart, mind and soul of every man, woman and child borned and yet to be born.

I believe that declaring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday would be the first of many human steps beyond the gate leading to the Promise Land. Martin Luther King Jr. has lead us to the gate of the Promise Land, but we, ourselves, must open that gate and go through. Our first step must be that of informing the whole human race, that "Martin Luther King Jr. still lives today."

Yours truly, for Justice, Peace & Righteousness

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