

Dear Maryn Allee -

Do you remember a few years ago sitting next to me at lunch at the Hotel Roger Smith in Holyoke at a National Black book annual meeting. My name is Helen Kenefick (Mrs Austin W) and my son Austin Jr is with Nat. Mat. Well - anyway we talked about food and fishing and I enjoyed getting with you very much - you were so down to earth.

Today I picked up the New York Times and read a resume of your talk before the Senate committee and I just wanted to tell you how very proud I am of your talk - your realistic stand, and your message to Congress to do something other than talk. It's a difficult situation

all over the land, and made sure
so by the indifference of most of us. Here
in Holyoke - integration of facilities
is no problem - but housing is - and I
am sure the neighbors in my middle
class neighborhood would be aghast
at the thought of anyone colored moving
in. So we have a long way to go, but I
feel so strongly that we must face up to
doing whatever we can about it, and also to
obeying the law; that your talk was
like a welcome breeze in this scorching
heat wave. I wish we had many more
citizens of your courage and honesty.

Sincerely,



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