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The Honorable G. K. Butterfield
Member of Congress
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Butterfield:

G.K.

I write to bring to your attention a powerful book written by my dear friend and constituent, Mr. Denny Abbott, entitled, *They Had No Voice: My Fight for Alabama's Forgotten Children*.

I have had the honor and privilege of knowing Denny for over 20 years. He is a nationally recognized expert on children's issues, and serves as the national director of the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, Inc., where he created the first computerized data bank for missing children.

I want to inform you that I plan to hold a briefing in the near future to allow Denny to make a presentation regarding his book to members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and their staff. As I believe that we can all learn from his experiences.

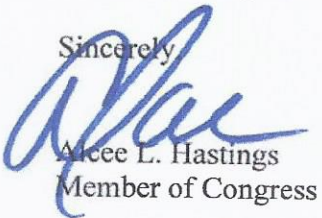
John F. Kennedy inspired this nation with his famous call to service: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Denny has exemplified this call to service throughout his life, and has poured his blood, sweat, and tears into helping countless children.

In my humble opinion, he is an American hero not only in my eyes, but in the eyes of the children that he has helped, and continues to help, each and every single day.

I am more than happy to discuss this matter with you in greater detail at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration. With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

Cc: Mr. Abdul Henderson, Executive Director, Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)