Association of Parents, Teachers, and Counselors

American School for the Deaf West Hartford 7, Connecticut

April 13th, 1962

The Honorable John E. Fogarty House Office Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Fogarty:

I am the parent of a profoundly deaf child who will graduate from the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Connecticut, this June. I am writing to you as a representative of other parents of profoundly deaf children at the school, regarding the college program offered at Galladet College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C.

We have learned of your personal interest in the progress and education of the deaf, and of your qualifications with regard to the disabled. We know you have sponsored education for the deaf, and, in this respect, we would appreciate information on the approximate number of profoundly deaf students included in your programs.

We have received information through numberous pamphlets, etc., on Galladet College, and we feel their program for the profoundly deaf should be broadened to include more fields. We believe the profoundly deaf child should be given every consideration possible toward attaining as complete an education as possible because of his handicap.

It has also been brought to our attention that, on a percentage basis, Galladet College appears to admit more of the hard of hearing students rather than the profoundly deaf. We feel the profoundly deaf should be given an equal opportunity to learn.

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We realize the college issue is an evasive one, but we would certainly appreciate any assistance you could render us regarding a higher educational program for the profoundly deaf at Galladet College. If you have any information you could forward us on the above, we would be very grateful.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated, as will be any suggestions you might have to offer.

Very truly yours,

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