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Dear Members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission:

Thank you for your dedication to sharing the legacy and lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Your commitment to educating people on the work and life of Dr. King is essential to helping us move ever closer to his vision for a just and equitable society.

On this 60th anniversary of Dr. King's letter from Birmingham City jail, we celebrate his courageous spirit and unwavering determination. We reflect on Dr. King's words which still resonate today: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Those words are as necessary and as urgent today as they were when Dr. King wrote them in 1963, and we must remember them as we work to confront systemic racism and social injustice. Let us continue to build on the progress made by Dr. King and his fellow civil rights activists and strive for a world where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Dr. King's letter from Birmingham City jail is a reminder of the power of hope and perseverance, and a call for us all to continue his work.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roy Cooper