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ATTORNEY AT LAW
BRANDON, MISS.

March 23, 1948

Sen. James O. Eastland
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Sen. John C. Stennis
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Hon. John Bell Williams
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

As Chairman of the Rankin County Democratic Executive Committee, I herewith enclose each of you a copy of a resolution adopted at a mass meeting held here on last Saturday.

With kindest regards to each of you.

Very sincerely,

Chairman
Rankin County Democratic
Executive Committee.

JCM:dc

1. Special
Thanks for
letter
2. Resolution
Agree with
spirit and

purpose!
given to
resolution
and so
glad to
see
a healthy
interest

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The State Democratic Executive Committee has taken a militant and positive stand for States' Rights and against President Truman's so-called civil rights program; and

WHEREAS, the State Democratic Executive Committee has adopted a Resolution which has been read here and which outlines a positive plan of action for the States' Rights, Jeffersonian Democrats of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Governor Fielding L. Wright has courageously taken the lead in fighting for States' Rights and against those who would take from us our cherished Southern way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of the State Democratic Executive Committee has created a state-wide Peoples Committee and a State-wide Campaign Committee; and

WHEREAS, the State Democratic Executive Committee and the State-wide Campaign Committee have called upon the Democratic Executive Committee of Rankin County to take the lead in this fight within Rankin County; and

WHEREAS, the State-wide plan of action calls for an information program that will reach every States' Rights, Jeffersonian Democrat - man and woman - in every County of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, this plan calls for a man and woman co-captain in every precinct and enough volunteer workers to personally contact every voter in every precinct; and

WHEREAS, this county must be represented by one man and one woman on a Congressional District Peoples Committee that will soon be organized; and

WHEREAS, our County Democratic Executive Committee must have the help and active assistance of all loyal, States' Rights, Jeffersonian Democrats of this county in order to do the work at hand; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the loyal, States Rights, Jeffersonian Democrats of Rankin County in meeting assembled in Brandon, Mississippi on the 20th day of March, 1948:

- (1). THAT the Resolution and complete plan of action and information of the State Democratic Executive Committee be and is hereby commended and approved; and
- (2). THAT Governor Fielding L. Wright is here and now sincerely thanked for his courageous work and leadership and is urged to continue the fight; and
- (3). THAT Senators James O. Eastland and John C. Stennis, and Congressman John Bell Williams and each of the other Congressmen from Mississippi are here and now sincerely thanked for the valiant fight which they are making to prevent the enactment of such program; and they are urged to continue their fight; and
- (4). THAT the Chairman and members of the Rankin County Democratic Executive Committee are urged to cooperate in the over-all state plan of action with all vigor and diligence; and
- (5). THAT those of us assembled here do here and now pledge to our County Democratic Executive Committee and its Chairman our time and energies without reservation in the work to be done; and
- (6). THAT we authorize the Chairman of our County Democratic Executive Committee to call upon us and to assign us to the work to be done; and
- (7). THAT a copy of this resolution be given the newspapers, a copy mailed to Governor Wright, a copy mailed to Senators Eastland, and Stennis and to Congressman John Bell Williams, a copy mailed to the State Democratic Executive Committee and a copy forwarded to the Mississippi State Democratic Party Headquarters,

[REDACTED], Jackson, Mississippi.

Adopted March 20, 1948, by approximately
200 persons present at meeting.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Chairman of Meeting.

C. WAYLAND BROOKS, ILL., CHAIRMAN
KENNETH S. WHERRY, NEBR. CARL HAYDEN, ARIZ.
BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER, IOWA THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN, R. I.
WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND, CALIF. BRIEN MC MAHON, CONN.
HENRY CABOT LODGE, JR., MASS. FRANCIS J. MYERS, PA.
WILLIAM E. JENNER, IND. JOHN C. STENNIS, MISS.
JOHN W. BRICKER, OHIO
IRVING M. IVES, N. Y.

ALBERT L. SEIDEL, CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 26, 1948

Mr. [REDACTED]
Brandon, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 23rd and the attached Resolution. I heartily agree with its spirit and purpose.

The FEPC and other pending so-called Civil Liberties Bills are real dangers in that they undermine our Federal Constitution and constitute the first step toward destroying the rights of the people to local self-government.

I have joined with others here to fight them to the last ditch.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U.S.S.

JCS:M:Y