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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, James O. Eastland, February 6-10, 1949

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Jackson, Mississippi,  
February 6, 1949.

Senators James O. Eastland &  
John C. Stennis,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senators Eastland & Stennis,

As I desire to say practically the same things to Mississippi's Senators, I am writing the same communication.

In the first place, I would like to say that I was born in Mississippi; I now live in Mississippi; I am a former student at Ole Miss; I am now a senior at Millsaps College.

Last autumn, I allowed two stickers on my automobile. One sticker was my Fraternity which I am proud of. The other sticker was one showing that I approved of the Truman-Barkley ticket.

I am very happy indeed that President Truman was able to remain in office, and I believe he is fully qualified to execute his duties. I was violently opposed to the Thurmond-Wright ticket and I wonder where those electoral votes are that the Dixie-crats claimed. I am also pleased that at least a showing was made in Mississippi for President Truman.

Even though I am from Mississippi, I am very liberal in my views concerning the race question. I am for the NEGRO being given a fairer deal. I hate to see the colored race mistreated.

Speaking of the Philadelphia Convention, I do not believe that Mississippi should have remained there and personally I do not care whether the delegates ran out or walked out.

I am opposed to the poll tax, and I trust this will be eliminated by Congress. I am for most of the provisions of the Civil Rights Bill. Furthermore, I sincerely believe that if two-thirds of the Senate desires to vote on a measure that it should not be blocked.

In short, I am for President Truman and his program and thousands in the South are, also.

Sincerely yours,  
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## United States Senate

### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

February 10, 1949

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Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge with thanks your very interesting letter of February 6. I was very interested in reading your views and I think that you are to be commended upon your very sincere interest in the problems which face our country and state at the present time.

In many respects our views parallel but I have different ideas about the way to achieve some of the desired results. In general I believe that we can best solve the national problems which beset us in the South by first achieving economic equality with the rest of the nation. This is not something that can be accomplished overnight but I believe that we are taking steps in that direction and that a great many of the policies of the Democratic Administration are responsible for a good bit of this progress.

I shall continue to wholeheartedly support efforts of the Administration along lines which I believe would be economically beneficial to the South. I shall oppose the so-called Civil Rights Program in Congress because I believe that each of the matters being dealt with are the primary responsibilities of the state.

Let me hear from you again in regard to any matters that come before Congress of interest to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

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