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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, July 29-August 2, 1949

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Mr Senator John C Stennis  
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Washington D. C.

Gulfport Miss  
July 29 1949

Dear Senator Stennis

Politicians are bound to  
respect certain natural rights of man.

Self expression and free speech, and  
free Polls, is some of these rights.

There for Polltax is automatically  
void.

Sincerely yours

[Redacted Signature]

P. O. Box [Redacted]  
Gulfport Miss

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

August 2, 1949

Mr. [REDACTED]  
P. O. Box [REDACTED]  
Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 29 expressing opposition to the poll tax.

I believe that these matters of franchise are ones which should be decided by the individual states concerned because if we grant this power to the Federal Government we would be taking a step that could lead to centralized control over our cherished system of the free ballot.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

U. S. Senator

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