

April 2, 1965

The Honorable Carl Albert  
House Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

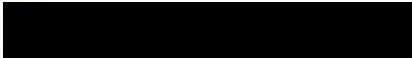
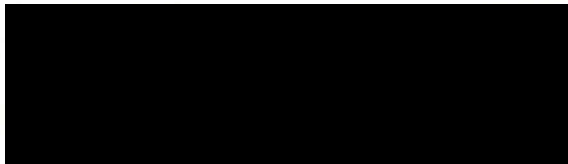
Dear Mr. Albert:

Many Oklahomans are concerned about the prospects of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (H. R. 6400-S. 1564) and consider it to be another step toward complete federal domination in the field of states rights. Simply because a person reaches legal age, does not mean that he or she is a qualified voter. Every state should be allowed to set certain reasonable standards for voter qualification and the southern states have a particularly acute problem. Frankly, my sympathies are with southern leaders such as Gov. Wallace, Sen. Ellender, etc. for they well realize that a catastrophe would take place in their states should a large, backward, negro minority suddenly assume unearned and undeserved political power. Your constituents would also react if such a problem faced Oklahoma; and so would the majority of citizens of any other state who felt that they were being pushed around.

Through recent months I have become absolutely sickened by the activities of Martin Luther King and his cohorts. Instead of creating good will and a chance for increased opportunity for the negro, the Civil Rights movement has only served to increase resentment against the entire colored race. If the truth were known, and members of the Congress would stop hiding behind "political taboos", they would be forced to admit that the majority of citizens, country-wide, does not support the Civil Rights movement. I, for one, have no sympathy or respect for the outside white and colored element which has invaded the south and participated in the movement. Whether they be student, housewife or cleric, the choice was theirs alone and they must expect to suffer the consequences. The minority of white participants certainly does not represent or speak for the nation-wide majority.

I would appreciate your careful consideration when voting on Civil Rights issues and hope that you will represent the majority by not joining the administration in its shameful effort to repay its debt for the negro bloc vote last November.

Very truly yours,



Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 6, 1965

[REDACTED]  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter stating your views with respect to the proposed voting rights legislation now pending before Congressional committees. When this legislation has been reported for consideration in the House as a whole I will be happy to hear your suggestions in mind.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.  
Third District, Oklahoma

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