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Fellow Republican:

I write to you today as a lifelong Republican, former Chairman of the Alabama College Republican Federation (2017-2018), and former member of the Alabama Republican Party Steering Committee (2017-2018), in support of Jesse Battles.

I have known Jesse personally for more than a decade. We first met when he was the President of the Jacksonville State University College Republicans and I was the President of the South Alabama College Republicans. While he was at Jacksonville State University, Jesse not only founded his College Republican chapter, but he also grew it to one of the largest and most active chapters in the state. His efforts and steadfast leadership resulted in hundreds of students being brought into the fold and in turn volunteering for or working for the Alabama Republican Party. When I was Chairman of the Alabama College Republican Federation, Jesse was one of the hardest working and most reliable members of our entire organization.

Jesse's service to the Alabama Republican Party did not stop there - since then, he has continued working on countless campaigns to get good Republicans elected to office across the state, and he has put in immeasurable time and effort to advance the ideals of the Republican Party. Running for office in Alabama is just the latest in his lifetime of commitment and service to the Alabama Republican Party.

Jesse's credentials as a staunch Republican are second to none. I respectfully urge you to reject any challenges to Jesse's credentials as a true Republican and allow the voters in State Senate District 10 the opportunity to cast their ballot for Jesse.

Respectfully,



Zach Weidlich