



Governor-elect Bob Riley Transition Office

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Secretary of State Jim Bennett
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Dear Secretary Bennett,

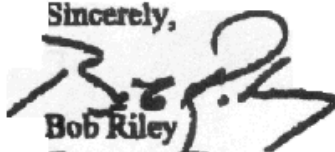
As the Alabama Citizens' Commission on Constitution Reform holds its last public meeting, please pass on to each member my sincere thanks for the hard work they have contributed - work that will be invaluable to my administration and its efforts in revising our state constitution.

There is almost universal opinion that large parts of our constitution hold us back as a state and are in dire need of revision. I personally believe that among other things, we must reform the constitution in order to address the excessive earmarking the plagues our state budgets and to give county governments at least some measure of home rule so they may govern more effectively. The work and findings of the ACCR Citizens' Commission will provide a solid foundation for these vitally needed reforms to begin.

I have no doubt we can find solutions to the problems that face us as a state, but it will require each of us in Montgomery to have the courage to do it boldly and the honesty to do it right. We owe the people of Alabama no less.

Once again, please express my thanks to the Citizens' Commission members for all they have done, and I look forward to working with each of them as we bring honest change to Montgomery and begin a new day in Alabama.

Sincerely,



Bob Riley
Governor-Elect