

BENDER, GEORGE H

GEORGE H. BENDER
CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

February 3, 1948

Dear Friend:

We have struggled for freedom in the United States since the days of the founding fathers. That freedom is based on the right of every American to be governed by those he chooses through a free ballot. Any impairment of that right in any part of the Union is a danger to the liberties of all. Yet ten million of our citizens in seven Southern states are denied the right of the franchise by the inequitous poll tax.

I beg you to join me in the crusade to clear America from the blight of a poll tax. My bill, H. R. 29, will abolish the tax as a precondition to voting in Federal elections. It has passed the House of Representatives and is now awaiting Senate action.

You and the groups with which you are associated can do much to insure success for H. R. 29 by telling your Senators of your interest in the bill. Will you help, and tell others how they can help? See, write or wire your Senators (at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.) asking them to support H. R. 29, to press for early action on it and to support all measures necessary to break the filibuster which may develop.

Sincerely,

Joe
Mr. Tolson
Mr. [unclear]
George H. Bender

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February 12, 1948

The Honorable George H. Bender
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Please be assured that we are making a special effort to impress our congressional representatives with our desires in this matter.

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