

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Miss Jo Ann Ooiman
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Canton, Mississippi

Dear Miss Ooiman:

Thank you for your recent letter. I apologize for my delay in answering but, as you can imagine, we were greeted with a flood of mail upon our arrival in Washington and were also very involved in events relating to the Inauguration of President Johnson. I appreciate your taking the time to write, and I have read your comments and observations with sincere interest.

First, may I say that you are to be commended for having the courage and stamina to put your beliefs into actual practice through your work in Mississippi. It is personally very gratifying to me when young people channel their energies into a cause they believe in.

In reference to your discussion of the seating of the regular Mississippi delegation and your hope that I will support the Freedom Democratic Party when the issue comes to a final vote, let me say that your question is not "unfair", but it is premature. I cannot take a stand on this matter until I have received and reviewed all of the evidence from both sides. You can be assured, however, that I will consider all of the evidence very carefully. The ASC election problem will similarly receive my close attention.

Again, thank you for writing and sharing your ideas with me. Please do not hesitate to write again.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Gale Schisler, M. C.