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Representative H. (Mac) Gipson  
507 Cook Rd  
Prattville, AL 36067

*Mac*  
Dear Representative Gipson,

Thank you for your vote against the BIR on HB58 (Vote 207) on February 7, 2006. Your vote promotes sound Bible literacy teaching in Alabama schools; the book you were asked to endorse, *The Bible and Its Influence*, is not sound. Even though you knew that those with political motives intended to use your vote to pretend that you oppose the Bible in schools, you stood for what you understand to be right in God's sight. You would not be intimidated.

We are confident that your constituents will not be fooled. They would not have wanted their children in a course that critiques the Bible and questions the very character of God and the veracity of His Word instead of merely telling its stories and illustrating Biblical references in art, history, literature and music. Your constituents would have wanted their local schools to have the same opportunity they do right now to offer elective courses in Bible literacy. Your constituents too will applaud your vote.

Please accept our deep appreciation and please use your position to encourage local systems to offer elective Bible literacy courses if they do not already do so. The National Council of Bible Curriculum in the Public Schools is a good option. Their course allows students to use their own Bibles and trains teachers to use the teacher's manual in a manner that has been held Constitutional for more than a decade.

Sincerely,

*Eunie Smith*

Eunie Smith, President  
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