

E R N E S T V A N D I V E R
1016 William Oliver Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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My dear friend,

Permit me to thank you and other friends in your County for the enthusiastic and effective work done on my behalf in the recent gubernatorial campaign.

A tremendous task lies ahead in order to effectively and intelligently reorganize the State Government to provide maximum efficiency, honesty, and economy for the next four years. Your continued help and support is a vital necessity to assure success of this undertaking.

Indeed, Georgia faces dark days ahead.

The time has come when Georgians must close ranks to defend our sacred institutions against Federal tyranny and dictatorship. To sustain our way of life is going to require steadfastness, a high degree of unity, and complete cooperation on the part of patriotic Georgians.

Georgia belongs to Georgians --- not to the U. S. Supreme Court and not to the NAACP.

To demonstrate unity against the challenges that will be hurled at Georgia institutions, I sincerely desire that you, and as many of my friends as possible, attend the State Democratic Party Convention to be held at Macon, Georgia in the City Auditorium on Tuesday, October 14, 1958 at 10 o'clock A.M.

A worthwhile program has been planned, and you are cordially invited and urged to attend.

Betty and the family join me in sending you our warmest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Vandiver