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Strongly Rebuke the Nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions as Attorney General

The Moral Movement Alabama (MMA), the Alabama NAACP, the ACIJ and other organizations will come hold a press conference on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 11:00 am at the Vance Federal Building located at 1800 5th Avenue North Birmingham, Al.

The MMA is an indigenously led, state based, state legislature focused, deeply moral, deeply constitutional, anti-racists, anti-poverty, pro-justice, pro-labor, transformative fusion movement and composed of several civic and human rights organizations in Alabama.

The MMA is deeply concerned about President Elect Donald Trump nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions for US Attorney General and strongly request that the Judiciary Committee not confirm him. We call on the Senate Judiciary Committee to closely examine the past performance of Senator Sessions as Alabama Attorney General, US Attorney and US Senator. The deeply rooted concerns are from the time when Senator Sessions was US Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama and his most recent anti-immigrant and anti-LGBT positions. We believe the nomination of Jeff Sessions is a deliberate attempt to undo many of the policies of equality, inclusiveness and diversity that the US has achieved over the last decade.

President Ronald Reagan nominated Sessions in 1986 for a federal judge, but that appointment failed to obtain approval. Sessions was questioned and denied confirmation by a Judiciary Committee hearing after racist reports surfaced. Some reports were Sessions disparaging, immoral remarks about calling an African American attorney, Attorney Thomas Figures “Boy.” He told Attorney Figures that he needs to learn how to talk to white folks. Sessions agreed with another person’s comments that a white civil rights lawyer was a disgrace to his race for trying a voting rights case. Sessions held that the NAACP and other groups do more harm than good, that groups like the ACLU and NAACP were un American and communist inspired. He praised the KKK and held them in high regard.

President Elect Trump nomination of Senator Sessions as Attorney General identifies a nominee that embodies the most divisive rhetoric of his campaign. Senator Sessions has shown little backbone to stand up for civil rights and social justice issues. The US Attorney General must be someone who views Civil Rights, and social Justice Issues without prejudices. Sessions also agrees with the Supreme Court decision that eviscerated the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Therefore, we urge the Judiciary Committee to carefully review Senator Sessions voting record and vote not to confirm him.

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