

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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Dear Mississippi Educator:

There is perhaps no more basic or important individual right granted to American citizens than that of the right to vote. As a K-12 educator, you play a unique role in introducing Mississippi youth to the democratic process upon which our nation is built as well as encouraging student participation.

Many of you already go to great lengths to ensure your students are exposed to real-world learning experiences that will stay with them long after they leave your classroom. That is why I encourage you to take advantage of the excellent resource that is available to you in the *Promote the Vote* Program.

*Promote the Vote* is a comprehensive voter education program that is designed to increase student interest in the political process and current political issues. The program provides educators and students with a multi-disciplinary, hands-on curriculum that addresses topics such as voting rights, political parties, citizens' rights and the various levels of American government.

This program is made available free-of-charge to all schools and teachers in the State of Mississippi, courtesy of the Secretary of State's office. All materials are available for download online. Please visit [www.sos.ms.gov/ptv](http://www.sos.ms.gov/ptv) today to sign up and start putting this valuable resource to work in your classroom.

With your help, we can better educate and encourage the next generation of Mississippi voters and leaders.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Palazzo  
Member of Congress