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Dear Mississippi Educator:

The foundation of American democracy rests on the right to elect our public officials. Active participation in the electoral process is important for all Mississippians, regardless of age and formal education. Even so, it is important to introduce civic responsibility to K-12 students so that they have the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions when choosing their leaders.

On Tuesday, October 30, 2012, your students will have the unique opportunity to take part in the award-winning *Promote the Vote* Mock Election. By participating in this curriculum, students will gain a greater comprehension of the different levels of government as well as civic and economic issues.

As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Elections, I fully understand the value of teaching Mississippi students about America's democratic process. I urge you to participate in this program, which will help your students to become more informed about the political process and the important local and national issues that affect Mississippians.

To learn more about this exciting program, I encourage you to visit the Secretary of State's website ([www.sos.ms.gov/ptv](http://www.sos.ms.gov/ptv)) for additional details.

Sincerely,



Gregg Harper  
Member of Congress