

**Urge State Lawmakers to Support 2023 Legislation to
Hold Offenders Accountable and
Immediately Amend Alabama’s “Good Time” Law**

Whereas, public safety is the primary responsibility of government.

Whereas, Governor Kay Ivey declared that, “Under my watch, we will continue doing everything in our power to ensure Alabama is the safest state to live, work and raise a family.” [1/9/2023 press release)

Whereas, over the years, a complex patchwork of sentencing laws has been enacted in Alabama to provide for abbreviated sentences and/or the early release of violent offenders, including Correctional Incentive Time (also known as “Good Time”); and according to the Alabama Sentencing Commission’s annual report, more than 80% of the inmates currently in Alabama’s prisons have been convicted of violent crimes.

Whereas, Alabama’s Correctional Incentive Time law has been excessively lenient for far too many years, allowing many dangerous felons to merely serve one-third of sentences imposed by a judge after “Good Time” credits are applied, even if inmates commit new crimes while incarcerated; as a result, far too many violent crimes have subsequently occurred when offenders have been prematurely released from prison.

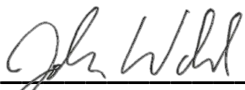
Whereas, Governor Kay Ivey issued Executive Order 725 on January 9, 2023, “Promoting Public Safety by Establishing Standards and Accountability for Correctional Incentive Time,” which reforms Department of Corrections policies and “incentivizes inmates who truly want to rehabilitate and better themselves, [and] reinforces the concept that bad choices have consequences,” as the Governor relayed the goal to “protect our citizens” and “ensure justice for victims.”

Whereas, Attorney General Steve Marshall has urged the “Alabama Legislature to correct these deficiencies [with Alabama’s “Good Time” law] at the earliest opportunity and [said he] will continue to fight against any effort to further weaken Alabama’s criminal justice system.” [7/6/2022 Attorney General’s press release]

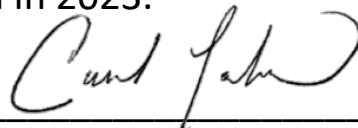
Whereas, a permanent solution to Alabama’s overly lenient “Good Time” law is long overdue, and legislation has been pre-filed for the 2023 Regular Legislative Session by Sen. April Weaver and Rep. Russell Bedsole to reduce the amount of Correctional Incentive Time a prisoner may earn, and to amend the circumstances under which an inmate will forfeit accrued Correctional Incentive Time; subsequently, in an op-ed published 1/12/2023, Senator Weaver has asked her colleagues to “fast-track” this legislation, as “our state and nation have been subjected to a deadly crime wave, and no amount of manipulated data can overshadow the headlines and offenses that all of us witness daily.”

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee strongly supports this Resolution to significantly reform Alabama’s Correctional Incentive Time law.

Be It Further Resolved, that we call on the Alabama Republican Party to provide copies of this Resolution to Governor Kay Ivey, Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth, Attorney General Steve Marshall, and all Alabama Republican Legislative members, urging them to quickly enact this important legislation in 2023.



John Wahl, Chairman



Carol Jahns, Secretary

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RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION (DEI) BUREAUCRACIES AND POLICIES IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND RESTORE EQUALITY IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

WHEREAS, Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) is a conceptual framework that claims to promote the fair treatment and full participation of all people, especially in the workplace, including populations who have historically been under-represented or subject to discrimination because of their background, identity, disability; and

WHEREAS, Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) is a term used to describe policies and programs that promote the representation and participation of different groups of individuals, including people of different ages, races and ethnicities, abilities and disabilities, genders, religions, cultures and sexual orientations; and

WHEREAS, Diversity, equity, and inclusion bureaucracies and policies have been established in public institutions which has bloated public institution organization and structure; and

WHEREAS, These established bureaucracies and policies have, ironically, not fulfilled their claim but have actually stifled intellectual diversity, prevented equal opportunity and discriminated against anyone who dissents from these policies; and

WHEREAS, The state of Alabama is committed to ending discrimination in all its forms; critical to this commitment is the obligation to treat citizens equally as individuals; and


WHEREAS, As part of this commitment, the state of Alabama is dedicated to providing higher education equally to all people, promoting fair treatment and full participation of all people and will not discriminate in admissions or employment at public institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, The state of Alabama is committed to ensure public universities of higher learning succeed in their mission to promote the search for truth and knowledge while maintaining academic freedom and integrity;


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee hereby supports the effort to legally abolish diversity, equity, inclusion

(DEI) bureaucracies and policies, end mandatory diversity training, curtail political coercion, end identity-based preference and restore colorblind equality in public institutions and universities; and with this abolishment of DEI bureaucracies and policies, the integrity of these great institutions of higher learning will be restored to provide equality for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, once adopted, be sent to both of Alabama's U.S. Senators, all of Alabama's Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives, Alabama's Governor, the Attorney General for the State of Alabama, all other Republican office holders of Constitutional offices within the State of Alabama, and to the principal offices of all Republican clubs and coalitions within the State of Alabama.



John Wahl, Chairman



Carol Jahns, Secretary

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ALGOP Resolution 2023-1-15

To improve the working relationship between the Alabama GOP and the Alabama Legislature relating to Resolutions passed by the ALGOP Executive Committee.

Whereas, at their regular semi-annual meetings, the ALGOP State Executive Committee (SEC) discusses and votes on various Resolutions that are sponsored by its members, and

Whereas, these resolutions, when passed, are the collective opinions of issues which the SEC deems important and which typically need to be considered by the Alabama Legislature.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the members of the Republican State Executive committee request Republican Legislative leadership and its members to respect and act on properly adopted resolutions and to vote on Bills reflecting the SEC's concerns as expressed in approved SEC Resolutions, and

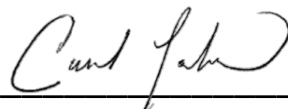
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the SEC membership requests that its leadership and resolution sponsor(s) to work hand-in-hand with the Legislature and its leadership to insure that SEC passed Resolution legislation is reviewed, and submitted for vote by the Legislature Legislative Committees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the SEC leadership report back to the SEC the results of its Resolutions in the Legislative process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SEC actively applaud and support the Legislators and Leadership who support and promote SEC Resolutions.



John Wahl, Chairman



Carol Jahns, Secretary

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