

August 27, 2003

The Honorable Chief Justice Moore  
Alabama Supreme Court  
300 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Justice Moore:

Like many Americans, I have watched as Alabama's struggle to display our Christian heritage has unfolded. I had hoped and prayed that the courts would stand up for our rights, and I am disappointed. It is my sincere hope that the U.S. Supreme Court will override the Federal Court's decision. However, in the meantime I would like to offer to display this monument to the foundation of America's legal system in Mississippi's State Capitol.

The Ten Commandments are the basis for our legal tradition. That is why you set them in a place of honor in the Alabama Supreme Court and that is why their removal is such a tragedy. The display was not just a monument to one man's personal beliefs, but a symbol of the abiding beliefs and traditions of this country – justice, freedom and faith.

As the Governor of the great State of Mississippi I would be proud to stand up for our values and display this tribute to the Ten Commandments, God's law, in our State Capitol for a week starting Sunday, September 7. It is my intent to work with other Governors to move this monument to other states to show support for our common Judeo-Christian heritage.

For too long our courts and politicians have interpreted every American's freedom *of* religion as freedom *from* religion. It would be my honor to host this monument as a symbol of every Mississippian's dedication to the fundamental principles of the Ten Commandments.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE