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## Attorney General Marshall Urges JPMorgan Chase to Halt Religious and Political Discrimination

(Montgomery) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall issued a statement following JPMorgan Chase's response to a <u>letter the bank received last month</u> regarding its aversion to viewpoint diversity. In May, 19 attorneys general expressed concern about Chase's persistent discrimination against certain customers due to their religious or political affiliation.

"Conservatives continue to face backlash from 'woke' corporations that openly discriminate against customers for their religious or political affiliations by arbitrarily denying them access to banking services," said Attorney General Marshall. "Chase's officers should be reminded that while snubbing conservative customers might be politically correct for the moment, that doesn't make it financially or legally sound."

The coalition's letter urged the bank to stop such discrimination, to be more transparent about how Chase treats religious and political beliefs, and to participate in the survey component of the newly-formed Viewpoint Diversity Score Business Index. The bank responded to the states' concerns earlier this month and confirmed that it is "actively considering participating in the survey in . . . 2023." Chase has repeatedly celebrated its participation in other such questionnaires, including the left's Corporate Equality Index sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign.

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