4-25-1961

To: Joe L. Evins, Congressman

John Allen Chalk

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.harding.edu/hst-chalk-personal

Recommended Citation
The Honorable Joe L. Evins  
U. S. Representative  John Allen Chalk  
House of Representative Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Evins:

In recent weeks the great legislative body of which you are a distinguished member has considered Federal Aid to education. Pressures of various kinds from the Roman Catholic lobby have abounded. As one of your constituents who is grateful for all you have done for our area, I would like to strongly urge that you oppose any kind of public support for church-supported institutions.

The famed Everson Case (330 U. S. 1-74) made the matter of direct aid unequivocally unconstitutional. The Zorach Case (342 U. S. 306) declared unconstitutional any indirect aid such as a loan or a public classroom for religious instruction. President Grant, speaking before the convention of the Army of Tennessee in 1875, declared: "Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the Church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the Church and the State forever separate."

My personal confidence in you reassures me that you will not succumb to the pressures of the day. We must continue to appreciate the wonderful heritage that has been ours because of the "great wall of separation between Church and State."

The Department of Health Education and Welfare published a 63-page memorandum on March 29, 1961, concerning this issue. Would it be possible for me to receive a copy of that publication?

Fraternally yours,

The Honorable Joe L. Evins  
U. S. Representative  John Allen Chalk  
House of Representative Office Building  
Washington, D. C.
that has been ours because of the "great wall of separation between Church and State."

The Department of Health Education and Welfare published a 63-page memorandum on March 29, 1961, concerning this issue. Would it be possible for me to receive a copy of that publication?

Fraternally yours,

The Honorable Joe L. Evins
U. S. Representative John Allen Chalk
House of Representative Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Evins:

In recent weeks the great legislative body of which you are a distinguished member has considered Federal Aid to education. Pressures of various kinds from the Roman Catholic lobby have abounded. As one of your constituents who is grateful for all you have done for our area, I would like to strongly urge that you oppose any kind of public support for church-supported institutions.

The famed Everson Case (330 U. S. 1-74) made the matter of direct aid unequivocally unconstitutional. The Zorach Case (342 U. S. 306) declared unconstitutional any indirect aid such as a loan or a public classroom for religious instruction. President Grant, speaking before the convention of the Army of Tennessee in 1875, declared: "Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the Church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the Church and the State forever separate."

My personal confidence in you reassures me that you will not succumb to the pressures of the day. We must continue to appreciate the wonderful heritage