

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 14, 2018



Senator Doug Jones
326 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Jones:

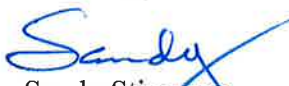
As you are aware, the greater Mobile community has been experiencing tremendous success in recruiting and expanding business opportunity over the last few years. Most recently, the Wal-Mart and Amazon Distribution Centers, Austal NAVY ship building contract expansion, Airbus manufacturing facilities and return of Carnival Cruise Lines spotlight among those often mentioned.

While each expansion brings jobs and revenues they also bring infrastructure challenges to the local community. To meet these challenges, local institutions need a wide variety of options regarding debt management. Our municipalities, schools, hospitals and other institutions often rely on the liquidity and stability of Money Market Funds as a source of low-close financing.

As a result of the 2008 financial crisis, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) made a number of necessary rule changes. However, the SEC followed up in 2014 with another rule that changed a key operation feature of money market funds and created significant unintended consequences. It required institutional prime and tax-exempt funds to change the way shares are bought and sold from a fixed net asset value to a floating NAV. Investors fled those funds to the tune of \$1.2 trillion, driving up the cost of short-term borrowing for community and economic development projects.

This can be remedied by the passage of S.1117, a bipartisan bill pending in the Senate Banking Committee. You have demonstrated a commitment to work across the aisle on financial issues that support the economic well-being of the citizens and institutions of Mobile and our great state. S. 1117 is one such bill, and I respectfully ask for your support and co-sponsorship.

Sincerely,


Sandy Stimpson
Mayor

Cc: Richard Shelby