

Concord Baptist Church

McCalls Creek, Mississippi

October 5, 1943

To The Hon. Theodore G. Bilbo,

U.S. Senator from Mississippi:

Honorable Sir:

We, the members of the Concord Baptist Church of Franklin County, are impelled by our conscience to make to you this appeal in the interest of Righteousness and Good Citizenship. We have heard with approval and deep appreciation of your efforts from time to time in the interest of temperance and in behalf of the efforts to prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors. We especially endorse your efforts in the Senate to bar liquor from the camps and their environs where the young men of our armed forces are in training.

Conditions in many of the camps are appalling, and our young men who have gone from sober homes are subject to temptations which have proved vicious to many of them. They are our very own, our pride and joy. It grieves us that they are made the victims of a conscienceless liquor gang.

We are asking from the depths of our souls that you will use your influence to secure such legislation as will correct these evils. And we earnestly solicit your influence with the War and Navy Departments to secure such orders as will put the temptation to drink out of reach of our young men in uniform. This we do most respectfully and sincerely.

J. E. Drane, Pastor

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