

**STATEMENT OF JESSE SEROYER,  
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JEFF SESSIONS FOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES**

Good morning Chairman Grassley and Senator Feinstein.

My name is Jesse Seroyer, Jr. I am from the State of Alabama. My professional career spans from 1976 to 2016 which includes eleven years with the Opelika Police Department, Opelika, Alabama, eight and one-half years as United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama, and twenty and one-half years with the Alabama Attorney General Office. I am not a politician or political activist, but I have known Jeff Sessions personally for over twenty years.

I first met Jeff Sessions when he served as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. As U.S. Attorney, Jeff prosecuted a Klansman for the abduction and murder of a black teenager.

Following Jeff's election as Alabama Attorney General, I had the privilege to serve on his transition team and later served as his Deputy Chief Investigator. The beginning of his tenure as Attorney General presented Senator Sessions with challenges that included a budget crisis, a one-third reduction of staff, and a reorganization as a result of staff reduction. Professionalism, accountability, and compassion for the employees that lost their jobs were evident in all of the decisions made by Jeff Sessions. One example of this is the decision to work diligently to retain an African American investigator for additional months totaling less than a year in order for the investigator to be able to retire. Another decision was to keep me. Jeff did not have to do that, but he did.

In regards to his expectations of the Attorney General, we were charged with the responsibilities of working various types of cases which included: White Collar Crimes; Public Corruption; Voter Fraud; and

Criminal Investigations. As I reflect on our work, there was never a time when any of these cases was investigated with any political agenda or motive. The utmost respect and integrity was exercised for all individuals involved. Jeff Sessions' service and decisions as attorney general earned him a reputation of respect among his colleagues and an appreciation for his willingness to do what was right for all of the people of Alabama.

As Attorney General, Jeff Sessions argued to uphold the conviction and sentence of Klansman Henry Hays for the murder of Michael Donald.

When Jeff became a U.S. Senator, he helped me be appointed as the United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama. He did not have to do that, but he did. While Jeff was serving in the U.S. Senate, Klansman Henry Hays was executed in the electric chair.

In the over two decades that I have known Jeff, the man, he has never said or done anything that indicated to me that he is a racist or racially insensitive. His words and his actions have shown me that he is a straight arrow, law and order prosecutor who gets the job done.

It did not matter to Jeff if the victim of a crime was black or the criminal suspect was white. What mattered was doing the right thing. Regardless of politics, Jeff followed the law and the facts. Jeff Sessions loves the law and he loves the law enforcement people who protect families from criminals every day.

I did not learn these things from a politician's press release or a special interest group's website. I learned them from over 20 years of knowing Jeff Sessions. He is a good and decent man. He will be a great Attorney General of the United States.