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State Treasurer Kay Ivey not welcoming Parker Griffith to GOP

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(The Huntsville Times)State Treasurer Kay Ivey

HUNTSVILLE, AL -- State Treasurer and Republican gubernatorial candidate Kay Ivey today called U.S. Rep. **Parker Griffith's conversion to the GOP** a "self-preservation move."

"While I sincerely hope that the Republican Party continues to grow its membership and build strength in this state, it should be done on a solid foundation of conservative principles --- on a bedrock of conscientious conviction.

" I can't help but regard this "Road to Damascus" conversion of Parker Griffith's as solely a ploy to cling to his seat in 2010. We're all well-aware of the increasingly negative poll results for Democrats in Alabama and around the nation.

"Political self-preservation isn't a virtue. In fact, political expediency is an insult to every grassroots activist who commits untold hours in devotion to getting candidates elected."

Griffith has said he switched parties because he learned during his time in Congress that the national Democratic party's agenda was too liberal and he felt more aligned with the Republican Party.