



An editorial published by three of Alabama's largest newspapers on Monday called Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore "grossly unfit for office" in the wake of allegations that he initiated sexual encounters with girls as young as 14 when he was in his 30s.

"Roy Moore simply cannot be a U.S. Senator. Even if his party and many of its adherents still think it possible, it is unthinkable — for his state, and his country," wrote the [AL.com editorial board](#), which feeds newspapers in Birmingham, Mobile and Huntsville. "Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is a consideration for the courtroom, not the ballot box. When choosing our representative before the rest of the world, character matters."

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