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To: Hugh Long, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of
Transportation
From: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison
Date: August 11, 2000
Subject: Elimination of state matching funds for rail highway hazard
elimination projects
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I am forwarding the enclosed information to you on behalf of Governor Musgrove. President Clinton recently signed H.R. 4425 which removes the requirement for states to provide matching funds on rail-highway hazard elimination projects funded under the surface transportation system. According to the attached documents, Mississippi can anticipate approximately \$2,240,007 in FY 20001 apportionments for such projects. The Governor's Office remains confident that MDOT will take the necessary steps to ensure that Mississippi obtains all available funds and will effectively use these funds to minimize the number of dangerous rail grade crossings in our state.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.