"I hope Trent's (or Senator Lott's) statement doesn't hurt Mississippi or our efforts for a better quality of life for our people. We hope the focus is on the progress we have made in education and jobs.

- Teacher pay moving to 19th
- First state in the nation for an internet accessible computer in every classroom
- 6th best testing system in the country
- 6th in nationally board certified teachers

By prioritizing education, we have been able to create 47,000 new jobs during a national recession.