

## MEMORANDUM

June 17, 2002

TO: Phillip  
FROM: John  
RE: AP question

John Poretto called today and said the AMA meeting in Chicago had included Mississippi on a list of 12 states in “crisis mode” regarding medical liability insurance. His question for the governor is, does an announcement like this tarnish or take anything away from successful trips like the recent one to New York City?

Suggested response: “The problem with the availability and sky-rocketing cost of medical liability insurance is a national problem. I have announced I will be calling a special session later in the summer to address this issue. Between 15 and 20 percent of the doctors will be without coverage by this fall. It is imperative that we move quickly. We are working aggressively and pro-actively with the Legislature and the doctors to address this problem.”