

MEMORANDUM

February 21, 2003

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Press request for comment on DRA funding

James Jennings with the Clarksdale Press Register has asked for a comment on the federal funding of \$8M for the Delta Regional Authority. I've talked with Lee Ann, and drafted this statement based on a release she had drafted on February 4 but which was not released.

“We are in tough economic times, and every state has been affected by the national recession. However, now is not the time to cut funding that can stimulate hope, prosperity and economic growth for the people of the Delta region.”

Is this statement acceptable?