

September 29, 2000

Ms. Gerry Taylor
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Dear Ms. Taylor:

Governor Musgrove has received your letter and asked that I respond to your inquiry about the future of the state flag. Due to the Mississippi Supreme Court decision about the Mississippi state flag, a seventeen member Advisory Commission has been appointed to make a recommendation to the Mississippi State Legislature regarding the Mississippi State Flag and the Mississippi Coat-of-Arms. The Advisory Commission, chaired by former Governor William Winter, has convened for its first two meetings and will present its findings to the Mississippi Legislature on or before May 4, 2001.

I am confident that the Advisory Committee will represent the best interest of all Mississippians. The Mississippi State Legislature, not the Advisory Commission or the Governor, will decide what action to take regarding the Mississippi State Flag and the Mississippi Coat-of-Arms.

Very truly yours,

ARMERITA TELL
Citizen & Community Services Director

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