

April 5, 2001

Mr. James C. Alsop
Acting Administrator for Community Programs
Rural Housing Services
Stop 0788
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-0788

Dear Mr. Alsop:

Please accept this letter as indication of my support for Mississippi Blood Services' efforts to obtain \$38,400 in funding from the USDA to purchase a Mobile Donor Coach. Mississippi Blood Services' grant application identifier is 237447676.

The Mobile Donor Coach will have a great impact on our state and will reach thousands of Mississippians. Mississippi Blood Services is a leader within our state and our country. The organization was one of thirteen in our state honored with a Mississippi Quality Award in recognition of its applying the principles of continuous improvement and world class practices.

I believe that Mississippi Blood Services' request for funding to purchase the Mobile Donor Coach is worthy of your resources. I urge you to contribute to this project that will enhance health priorities in Mississippi. I am pleased to offer support for this project. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Very truly yours,

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