

February 7, 2000

Dr. Jesse White
Federal Co-Chairman
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20235

Dear Dr. White:

Thank you for giving states within the Appalachian Region the opportunity to obtain additional physicians through the J-1 Visa Program. As you know, Mississippi has many medically underserved areas.

On behalf of the State of Mississippi and Magnolia Regional Health Center located in the City of Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi, I am requesting the Federal Co-Chairman to act as an interested government agency in seeking a waiver of the J-1 Visa foreign residence requirement for Dr. Julianna Zei to work as a psychiatrist for three (3) years in Alcorn County, Mississippi.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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