

June 23, 2000

Mr. Thom Rubel  
National Governors' Association  
444 North Capitol Street, Suite 267  
Washington, D.C. 20001-1512

Dear Mr. Rubel:

We appreciate the opportunity to solicit your support for hosting the Mississippi Entrepreneurial Policy Institute. We are very excited about this project and what it may mean for the future for our people. Our administration is committed to ensuring all Mississippians have the opportunity for a bright future. Bringing higher-paying jobs and promoting growth at home are high priorities for us.

Please take a few moments to review our proposal. Know that we will do what it takes to make this Institute a success, and we look forward to working with you. These are exciting times in Mississippi, and we believe this Institute is the perfect compliment to the economic agenda we are pursuing already.

Mr. Michael Boyd, Policy & Planning Director, and Donna Simmons, Senior Advisor, are available to answer questions you may have or provide additional materials for your review. Likewise, Mr. J.C. Burns, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Economic & Community Development, will play an instrumental role in the success of the Institute and can be made available to speak with you if necessary. Please contact Mr. Boyd to make any arrangements that may be required.

If I can be of any assistance or if you are need of additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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