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Dear «First_Name»:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to welcome you to the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast and the friendly City of Gulfport.

I regret that I will not be able to join you and our fellow SERVE Board Members at this meeting. I know your time will prove productive as our Board strives to continue the critical work that SERVE is doing throughout our region. I know we are all pleased to have Jack Sanders back at the helm to lead our efforts.

We must all continue to work together to effectively serve our greatest resource – our children. I recently heard someone make a statement that I have thought about often. They simply stated, “Our youth make up a third of our population, but they make up our entire future.” It is our responsibility to prepare our students for a bright and competitive future.

While in Gulfport, please feel free to take advantage of the many wonderful experiences the Gulf Coast offers. Dine on some fine Mississippi cuisine or take pleasure in one of our numerous cultural or entertainment events.

Best wishes for a very successful and highly productive meeting.

Very truly yours,

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