

June 4, 2001

The Honorable Trent Lott
United States Senator
487 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2403

Dear Senator Lott:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I want to commend you for your leadership and previous support of funding for the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). I am intensely following the developments in Congress as the FY 2002 appropriations are considered for these programs.

Please register my strongest support for any of the bills that have been or may be introduced in either house that would increase funding for LIHEAP and WAP. I also would like to urge you and your colleagues to ensure equitable treatment of Sunbelt states like Mississippi, which have been disfavored for many years by the allocation formula that targets a greater percentage of LIHEAP assistance to those states that experience a greater number of heating degree days.

The urgency of this year's gas and electricity pricing crises and the absolute necessity of greatly increased funding for LIHEAP present the perfect opportunity to even the keel for all of the states whose citizens are struggling to carry the immense and growing heating and cooling cost burdens. Likewise, there has never been a more timely opportunity to make a quantum leap in funding for WAP, which is unique in its ability to actually address the root causes of high utility bills – energy-inefficient and substandard housing for the elderly, the disabled, the poor and disadvantaged.

Thank you for your consideration of these important programs.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
United States Representative
206 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-2401

Dear Representative Wicker:

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The Honorable Thad Cochran
United States Senator
326 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
United States Representative
1408 Longworth House Office Building
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427 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Gene Taylor
United States Representative
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-2405

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