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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the second in our 2001 Governor's Health Care Summit Series. The focus of this Summit is to bring together experts who can help develop new ways to approach improvement in the health areas with the greatest need.

Health Care is a top priority for my administration and a necessity to improve the quality of life for our citizens. With the continued support and dedication of committed leaders, like those of you gathered today, Mississippi will continue to strive for excellence because we are "America's State of Promise."

Building on the "you've got to know where you're going to get there" adage, we will take a look at how Mississippi is "Measuring Up" and at new ways to take on health care problems that continue to affect the people of our state. I look forward to a successful meeting and hope that today's efforts will lead us to a healthy plan for tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

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