

Received: from e3000b.state.ms.us  
by governor.state.ms.us; Thu, 01 Aug 2002 09:35:26 -0500  
Received: from mx1.its.state.ms.us (mx1.its.state.ms.us [192.42.4.253])  
by e3000b.state.ms.us (8.10.0/8.10.0) with SMTP id g71ESlN00158  
for <governor@governor.state.ms.us>; Thu, 1 Aug 2002 09:28:47 -0500 (CDT)  
Received: from msiwsp01.ms.gov ([192.251.58.30])  
by mx1.its.state.ms.us (8.10.0/8.10.0) with ESMTP id g71ENKp09341  
for <governor@governor.state.ms.us>; Thu, 1 Aug 2002 09:23:20 -0500 (CDT)  
Received: (from nobody@localhost)  
by msiwsp01.ms.gov (AIX4.3/8.9.3/8.9.3) id JAA35550;  
Thu, 1 Aug 2002 09:27:44 -0500  
Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 09:27:44 -0500  
Message-Id: <200208011427.JAA35550@msiwsp01.ms.gov>  
To: governor@governor.state.ms.us  
From: whiteoaks@dixie-net.com (Mr%2E Eddie Ray)  
Subject: Comments to the Governor

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
Mr%2E Eddie Ray (whiteoaks@dixie-net.com) on Thursday, August 1, 2002 at 09:27:44

---

Street\_Address: 136 Girl Scout Road

City: Grenada

State: MS

Zip\_Code: 38901

Issue: Tort Reform

Message: Eddie Ray  
136 Girl Scout Road  
Grenada, MS 38901

July 30, 2002

The Honorable Ronnie Musgrove  
PO Box 139  
Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Governor Musgrove:

July 24, 2002

Honorable Ronnie Musgrove  
Post Office Box 139  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0139

Dear Governor Musgrove:

The Legislative hearings surrounding the tort reform issue are producing a consistent message. The State of Mississippi is in a crisis. To date, the majority of debate and media coverage has centered around the medical community and the necessary reform relating to it. While there is no doubt that something must be done to address the medical crisis, there is much more that needs to be done. This is not just a medical malpractice issue.

We need comprehensive civil justice reform immediately. The crisis involves more than one group. We cannot settle for a minor cure for such a grave problem. Mississippi must protect every entity from this epidemic.

We all lose when doctors flee our state and businesses reduce jobs and investments or decide not to locate in Mississippi. We also pay more for health care and our standard of living declines. More of us go without health insurance and more paychecks are put at risk.

It is not enough to focus on partial legislative fixes. Our elected officials need to be proactive. Real relief and progress will only come about when the business community and the medical community are addressed at the same time with the same level of seriousness. Mississippi needs fairness and balance in its civil justice system.

The Mississippi Restaurant Association supports legislation that will improve the legal environment in Mississippi. The Mississippi Restaurant Association supports tort reform especially in the areas of litigation venue, capped punitive damages and the elimination of punitive damages on criminal acts by third parties. Restaurant owners are experiencing the by-product of a litigious environment by increased insurance costs both in the health care and property/liability insurance. The Mississippi Restaurant Associations believes that the legal environment should be fair for all and not burdensome to the business community.

Again, The Mississippi Restaurant Association implores you to address comprehensive civil justice reform for the upcoming special session you intend to call. Please work with us to achieve comprehensive civil justice reform. Anything less is not enough.

Sincerely,

Eddie Ray

Submit: Submit

---