February 22, 2001

Shelia Morgan 2215 Gregory Boulevard Gulfport, MS 39507

Dear Ms. Morgan:

Education is the cornerstone from which we build the opportunity for more, good jobs for our people. We have called for a 3% reservation for public education, a 5% reservation for community and junior colleges and universities. These education reservations give us the ability to restore money to these departments if revenue collections increase.

Education is our top priority. This will not stop the progress we have made in providing better educational opportunities for the people of Mississippi. We are committed to paying our teachers. We are committed to making education stronger and better for our children.

Very truly yours,

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