

September 4, 2001

Mr. Tom Hunter
Executive Director
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20009-1068

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The State of Mississippi respectfully submits for the approval of the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Mississippi Annual Strategy Statement for Fiscal Year 2002.

The Mississippi Annual Strategy Statement addresses the region, distressed counties, and state strategies to meet the goals for the Commission.

We appreciate the diligent efforts for the Commission and look forward to working with you on our 2002 projects and other opportunities in the year ahead.

Very truly yours,

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