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University of Southern Mississippi

Dear Friends:

Please allow me this opportunity to congratulate you on receiving funding from the Economic Development Administration for a Section 207 University Center Technical Assistance grant. This grant will allow USM to positively impact economic development through Mississippi.

Your commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life for those in Mississippi has brought your efforts into the spotlight and provided for funding to make these goals a reality.

I commend you for your efforts to make Mississippi America's State of Promise and I look forward to hearing from you about the progress of this project. If either my staff or I may assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My best to you as you start this exciting endeavor.

Very truly yours,

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