
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: YOUR SPEAKING AT MDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY SUMMIT
DATE: 10/24/2001
CC: FILE

In an earlier memo to you on this subject, I conveyed that I had checked your calendar to see if it would allow you to speak at the MDOT Highway Safety Summit from 9:05-9:30 the morning of December 6. The Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Leadership Awards and Business Meeting is on your calendar for the evening of December 5 and the morning/lunch of December 6. You sent the memo back and asked if there were any way that you could do both and you also inquired as to if we had an agenda for the JAG meeting. I have attached the JAG agenda for your reference. As you can see, the actual board meeting will take place on December 6.

Since that time, Donna Lum of MDOT has called and apprised me of a development that I think will influence your decision. Ford is donating booster car seats to all 50 states and Mississippi is scheduled to receive 10,000 of these car seats. These are car seats designed for older children – they are designed similar to restaurant booster seats. Ford has scheduled an announcement date for each state and Mississippi's date happens to be December 6, the same day as the Highway Safety Summit. Donna wanted to be sure that you knew of Ford's donation and of MDOT's desire for you to announce this donation. I explained that your calendar has a potential conflict, but that we are trying to work around it. This can be a great PR event, it will impact 10,000 Mississippi families (voters), and I think you need to participate.

As I see it, you have three options:

1. Attend the JAG Reception at the Capitol the evening of December 5, and then fly home to speak at the Highway Safety Summit the morning of December 6.
2. Skip the JAG events entirely and speak at the Highway Safety Summit.
3. Attend all of the JAG events and skip the Highway Safety Summit.

Please advise as to what you wish to do and I will let Jill, JAG and Donna Lum know.
Thanks!