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Mr. E.C. Burns, Jr. 802 ½ Valley Road Kosciusko, MS 39090

Dear Mr. Burns:

Thank you for your letter. I believe the information you are requesting about these agencies is generally referred to as a mission statement. When you contact each agency, make sure you ask for this piece of information. Most of the state agencies have websites where you will be able to obtain more information about each agency.

As Governor, I am charged with executive direction and supervision of the general administration of the State. In this capacity, I see that the laws are faithfully executed, supervise the official conduct of executive officers, act as commander-in-chief of the state militia and appoint officials as prescribed by law. I am responsible for the presentation of a balanced budget to the Legislature and approval or veto of legislation passed by the Legislature. I may call extraordinary sessions of the Legislature when I deem it necessary and may issue pardons, executive orders and extraditions of fugitives from other states. My office provides staff assistance and liaison in all areas of state government administration and researches agency programs and policies.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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Enclosure