

*Remarks for the
AJFC Community Action Agency
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- Recognize Lamar Braxton
- Our kids are most precious resource
 - Investment we make in them today will reap strong dividend tomorrow
 - Need to make that investment strong
- I've done a lot of work to bring jobs to MS, but future of children is personal passion
 - Teacher pay
 - Computers in Classroom / 1st in nation
- Keeping education a priority with a budget that puts schools first
 - 62 percent for education
- If we shortchange investment in education, we shortchange the future
 - Not an acceptable alternative
- Lots of things people said we couldn't do here
 - Raise teacher pay
 - Computers
 - \$1.5 billion auto plant
- We're not listening to what they're saying
 - We're working together / setting new standards for others to follow
- MS used to be like stopped truck / put our shoulders into it
 - Got it moving
 - Momentum has built / no stopping now