

September 14, 2000

Dr. Jesse White
Federal Co-Chairman
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20235

Dear Dr. White:

Thank you for giving states within the Appalachian Region the opportunity to obtain additional physicians through the J-1 Visa Program. As you know, Mississippi has many medically underserved areas.

On behalf of the State of Mississippi and Community Counseling Services located in the City of Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, I am requesting the Federal Co-Chairman to act as an interested government agency in seeking a waiver of the J-1 Visa foreign residence requirement for Dr. Archil Chechelashvili to work as a psychiatrist for four (4) years Mental Health Catchment Area #7, which includes Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Webster, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, and Winston Counties, Mississippi.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE