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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS' REQUEST FOR YOU TO CALL CONGRESSMEN ON BEHALF OF NBPTS APPROPRIATION  
**DATE** 5/7/01  
**CC:** FILE

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Andrea Hoffman of NBPTS called on behalf of Betty Castor, Executive Director, this past Friday to request your assistance. NBPTS has requested that you contact Senators Lott and Cochran and Congressman Wicker to urge them to support the NBPTS appropriation. I think you should make these calls for a program that has proven so effective and has Mississippi at the top of a list. Talking points are:

- Mississippi ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the numbers of National Board Certified Teachers (NCTs) with 754. This program has proven highly effective and successful for our state.
- You serve on the Board of Directors, as does Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson.
- NBPTS has requested \$10 million: \$5 million for its Federal Candidate Subsidy Program (up from \$2.5 million in fiscal years 1998-2001) and \$5 million for Outreach and Recruitment.
- The Federal Candidate Subsidy Program provides critical financial support to offset certification fees for a number of teachers across the country. Funds allocated to the state can be used to subsidize up to \$1,150 (50%) of the \$2,300 fee per teacher candidate.
- Outreach and Recruitment provides resources needed to help institute high quality recruitment and candidate support (mentoring) programs for teachers seeking National Board certification. Mississippi's World Class Teaching Program is recognized as a model Outreach and Recruitment program. One of Mississippi's six World Class Teaching Program sites is located at Ole Miss.

Congressman Wicker (202-225-4306):

- Ask him to include NBPTS appropriation in his appropriation package. He is a member of three Appropriations Subcommittees, including Labor, Health and Human Services and Education.
- 217 NBCTs in his district (\$6,000 annual bonus for the 10-year life of the certificate)

Senator Cochran (202-224-5054)

- Ask him to include NBPTS appropriation in his appropriation package. He is a member of the Appropriation's Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service.
- NBPTS has spoken to Ann Cochran in his office

Senator Lott (202-224-6253)

- Stress to him the impact that this program has had on our state and our teachers.