

July 17, 2003

Ms. Velma Tate
South Central Faith-Based Coalition
127 East Pascagoula Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Dear Ms. Tate:

I am pleased to offer my support to the South Central Faith-Based Coalition's application to the U.S. Department of Education to secure funding for a Parental Information and Resource Center.

The Parental Information and Resource Center will offer valuable materials and information to parents to assist them in enhancing and strengthening their parenting skills so as to meet the developmental and educational needs of their children. Your proposal builds a strong partnership between parents and non-profit and faith-based organizations. We must all work together to strengthen the support that we provide to parents and to maximize the educational opportunities for our youngest citizens.

I am pleased to offer support for this project. Thank you for your Coalition's dedication and investment in the future of our state – our children.

Very truly yours,

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