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Dear Ms. Williams:

Please accept this letter designating Mississippi Valley State University and the Mississippi Department of Education as Mississippi's administrative agencies for the Quality Child Care Workers' Pilot and Demonstration Project.

As Governor of Mississippi, I recognize the importance of Mississippi developing a viable system of early care and education that addresses the unique needs of young children in Mississippi and those caring for children in all types of care environments. We are in desperate need of high quality care and education settings for all of our children, but of special concern are the thousands living in poverty or on the brink of poverty that are spending time in questionable care settings.

I hope that you will seriously consider working with Mississippi, as our children deserve the best. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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