
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES: SPEAK TO NEW GOVERNORS AT NGA ABOUT PROGRAM
DATE: 2/20/2003
CC: DAVIDSON

Ken Smith, President of Jobs for America's Graduates, and I had a conference call yesterday morning. Among other things, Ken asked for your help in "educating" new governors about JAG during the upcoming NGA meeting. Ken is concerned that state funding for existing JAG state affiliate programs could be cut given many states' fiscal situations.

Ken specifically asked for your assistance in your speaking to new Democratic governors about JAG and he specifically mentioned Governors Doyle (WI) and Blagojevich (IL). I'm attaching his list of "priority governors."

Ken will be attending the NGA meeting. He or other JAG senior staff members will be available to speak to governors or their staff members about the program.

Ed Ford of Kentucky, who serves on the JAG Board with you, is trying to get JAG on the Human Resource Committee's agenda, but it is unclear at this time as to whether that will happen.

Ken and I also discussed 2 other significant matters:

1. JMG Site Visit: JAG staff recently completed their annual site accreditation visit to our JMG program. The final report has not been completed, but Ken asked me to please convey to you that the report will have excellent findings. He said that he has never seen so many positive emails regarding a site visit. He said that the quality of the program and the enthusiasm of the JMG staff are exceptional. He did ask if we could start exploring TANF and WIA funding for next year and I told him that I would look into it.
2. JAG support for your re-election: Ken said that he wants to help with your re-election. He said that Senator Carper could visit Mississippi in the fall to commend you for your service to JAG and JMG. I told Ken that we certainly appreciated his support and that we'd keep this in mind.