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Bill Renick, Chief of Staff to Governor Ronnie Musgrove, released the following statement today regarding a letter from Attorney General Mike Moore:

"Governor Musgrove has been working to protect the people of Mississippi. The Attorney General is working to protect the Health Care Trust Fund. We're not going to shut down any "optional services" under Medicaid. Governor Musgrove will not ask our hospitals and health care professionals to do their work without our support, he will not allow our children to go without the basic health care they so desperately need, and he will not have our senior citizens lose the care found in their nursing homes. Thousands of our people depend on Medicaid, and the Governor will not be the one to take those services away from them. We are working with the legislative leadership to develop a solution."

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