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Dear Mr. Koger:

Please accept my personal congratulations on receiving the 2001 Small Business Journalist of the Year Award. Your dedication to promoting the importance of small businesses in your state and your community is to be commended.

With the hard work and commitment of leaders like you, we will continue making great strides toward making Mississippi America's State of Promise.

Allow me to join my fellow Mississippians in recognizing your contributions. Again, congratulations to you and best wishes for continuing success.

Very truly yours,

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