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Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to extend greetings to all in attendance at the USDA/Rural Development Training Session. Welcome to the beautiful and friendly City of Jackson, the capitol of this great State of Mississippi.

We hope that your meeting will be a very pleasant one. While in Jackson, please feel free to take advantage of the many wonderful experiences we offer. Dine on some fine Mississippi cuisine or take pleasure in one of our numerous cultural or entertainment events.

Best wishes for a very successful and highly productive meeting. If I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Very truly yours,

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