To: Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Local Legislators, Chip Pickering
cc: Supt. Thompson, Little & McLinn, MSU, MCC, Meridian Mayor & City Council,
Board of Supervisors, EMBDC, The Meridian Star, Hattiesburg American, Clarion Ledger,
N.E. Daily Journal, MS Business Journal,
WMDN-TV, WMOX Radio, WOKK Radio, Citizens

February 23, 2001 --- NO feedback yet!!!! Did you even know about the attached????

THIS IS A FOLLOW UP ON BELOW MEMO

February 16, 2001

To: Governor Ronnie Musgrove, Lt. Governor Amy Tuck, Educators, Local Legislators, Media

It is terrifying what the State of Mississippi has done relative to our state's need for fiscal control. We have insufficient money to fund financial operation of the State of Mississippi.

So we have cut the state's critical support of educational funding !!!!//????

In Fiscal Year 2001, the State of Mississippi has \$320,498,573.79 more Tax Revenues from Gaming [that is without the associated ADDED Sales Tax, Income Tax, Ad Valorem Tax, etc., etc.] than it had just 10 years ago *before* Gaming was legal.

That added Gaming Tax alone is 15% of the state's Fiscal Year 2001 General Fund Collections of \$2,111,496,133.

- What is going on????
- Does anyone know / care sufficiently????
- Who is using the money????
- For what purpose????
- WHY????
- It certainly is not responsible leadership!!!!

What ever that USE is, <u>cut it out</u> and put the money back into Education!!!!

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TAX REVENUES FROM GAMING STATE TAX COMMISSION MISCELLANEOUS TAX DIVISION

February 18, 2002

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Collections Fiscal Year	General Fund Transfer	Bond Sinking Fund and Highway Fund	Transfer To Local Governments	Totals \$
July, 2001-Jan, 2002	95,543,133.60	30,910,723.07	62,934,506.94	189,388,363.61
July, 2000-June, 2001	161,495,232.50	52,139,019.79	106,864,321.41	320,498,573.79
July, 1999-June, 2000	158,354,244.92	51,118,736.54	104,991,878.21	314,464,859.67
July, 1998-June, 1999	141,763,436.90	45,730,705.54	94,015,825.32	281,509,967.76
July, 1997-June, 1998	126,872,525.94	40,566,421.86	82,906,716.92	250,345,674.72
July, 1996-June, 1997	119,540,774.08	38,258,926.75	75,858,651.08	233,658,351.91
July, 1995-June, 1996	110,415,641.53	34,223,742.88	69,074,471.02	213,713,855.43
July, 1994-June, 1995	128,776,225.01		60,513,226.40	189,289,451.41
July, 1993-June, 1994	98,033,771.20		33,736,024.89	128,769,785.89
July, 1992-June, 1993	33,315,922.30		11,095,706.80	44,411,629.10
GRAND TOTALS	1,075,567,784.47	262,037,553.36	639,056,821.85	1,976,662,159.58