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Subject: Our state needs the Amber Alert Plan to save kidnapped children!

Governor Ronny Musgrove
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Dear Governor Ronny Musgrove,

Today, Thursday August 8, USA Today lists the 14 states
with an Amber Alert Plan which was credited in California
with saving the lives of two abducted teenagers. Can
you sign an executive order to provide a safety net
for Mississippi children

After alerts went out on radio and TV stations throughout
the region, several drivers called police when they
spotted the kidnapper's vehicle. Thanks to these tips,
law enforcement officers stopped the kidnapper just
minutes before he was about to disappear into the desert
with the girls. Police shot and killed the suspect,
who was wanted on another rape charge, and both teens
were reunited safely with their families.

While many states have Amber Alert Plans in place,
our state doesn't. I'm asking you to immediately implement
one before another child goes missing. This can begin
saving lives immediately.

Existing statewide Amber Alert Plans work by using
Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcasts to radio and
TV stations to get critical suspect and vehicle information
directly into the hands of the public almost immediately.

Across the country, Amber Alert Plans are credited
with helping safely recover 19 children.

Please, work with the Polly Klaas Foundation to draft
an Executive Order to get our state to implement an
Amber Alert Plan immediately!

Together, we can keep our children a little further
out of harm's way, and ensure that we see fewer child
kidnapping tragedies in our community. Please let me
know what you intend to do.

Sincerely,

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