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GOVERNOR MUSGROVE ASKS PRESIDENT BUSH TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR RURAL MISSISSIPPI

(Jackson, MS) – President Bush’s budget slashes the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding by 50 percent. Governor Ronnie Musgrove issued a statement today in response.

“The national recession has taken its toll on our communities and NAFTA has devastated our rural areas.

“With a cut of over 50 percent to ARC, jobs will be lost. ARC, serving 24 counties in Mississippi, provides basic infrastructure needs to rural communities.

“Now is not the time to cut the ARC program that provides a direct benefit to our people.

‘I urge President Bush to restore funding in his budget to a level that directly assists our rural communities and jobs for our people.’”

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