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GOVERNOR MUSGROVE APPEALS FEMA DENIAL FOR NEWTON COUNTY

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove submitted a letter to President George Bush today calling on him to reconsider the denial of federal assistance to the City and County of Newton. “We have provided President Bush with additional information. With this additional information, it would be hard for me to understand how President Bush could refuse to assist the people of Newton. These hardworking people deserve better,” Musgrove said.

In the letter, Musgrove states, “Damage to the city of Newton was centered on the downtown business district” and “occurred during the height of the holiday shopping season.”

Musgrove declared a state of emergency on December 19, which provided authority for officials to access public and private property as part of the recovery efforts for the City and County of Newton.

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