

April 25, 2003

Mr. Robert Jackson  
Quitman County Development Organization  
P.O. Box 386  
Marks, Mississippi 38646

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I regret to inform you that your 2002 application to the Delta Regional Authority for funds to support Quitman County Development Organization's rural transportation program has been denied by the Federal Co-Chairman, Pete Johnson. While the Governor and I have continued to urge approval of this worthwhile project, Mr. Johnson made his decision final at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DRA Board.

The Governor has asked that I share this information with you and extend his personal regrets for the DRA's failure to approve this project. It should be noted, however, that throughout the process your organization's application had the full support of the Governor and was unanimously approved by the alternates in attendance at the last board meeting. Unfortunately, the collective vote of the alternates does not overcome the one negative vote of the Federal Co-Chairman.

Thank you again for submitting a DRA project application to our office. We look forward to working with you on future projects designed to benefit the working men and women of the Mississippi Delta. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Armerita Tell, Director  
Office of Citizen and Community Services