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Ms. Carrie Reeves  
The Reflector  
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Dear Ms. Reeves:

It is important how our neighbors, the nation and the world view Mississippi. It is time for Mississippi to move forward and face new challenges. As we attract new businesses and industries to Mississippi, we continue to face the issue of our state flag and state image. As a state, we must not let anything hinder our success and growth. If we have the opportunity to improve our image, we must take that opportunity.

Mississippi can still honor and recognize our past, but we must not dwell there. We must take action and move forward with the business of our people. We are focusing on the top priorities of our people: education, economic development, public safety and healthcare.

If we are truly committed to progress, if we are truly committed to making Mississippi competitive, then we must lay aside our differences on the matter of the Mississippi state flag and move forward, together in one accord. Mississippi's destiny and future is in our hands.

Very truly yours,

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