

May 1, 2003

Ed Buelow
Chairman
State Tax Commission
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Chairman Buelow:

My office has received the daily report from the Tax Commission for the final day of April. The General Fund tax collections are approximately 51 million dollars below the estimate. The Department of Finance and Administration contacted the Tax Commission Office to inquire about the drastic shortfall in individual income tax category and was told that the mail postmarked after the 13th of April had not been processed. If your office had notified us that there was a backlog in processing the mail, we could have arranged for temporary help from the Department of Finance and Administration and possibly the Treasurer's Office to assist in processing the mail.

I know in the past your office was provided assistance by other agencies to help during the busy month of April. I am requesting today that the Department of Finance Administration and the Treasurer's Office assist your office in processing the backlog of mail.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Ronnie Musgrove
Governor

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