

September 25, 2003

Hayes Dent, Executive Director
Delta Regional Authority
236 Sharkey Avenue, Suite 400
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614

Dear Hayes:

In light of the position of the Federal Co-Chairman (expressed clearly in his letter of August 29, 2003), I am compelled to withdraw my request for a vote by the Board of the Delta Regional Authority on the Hinds Street Baptist Church GED Program. Even as I do so, I must reiterate the Governor's continued support of this project and our belief that it would benefit the communities of Greenville and Washington County.

Please let the Federal Co-Chairman know that I will yield to his recommendation that the project be withdrawn, but I respectfully disagree with his opinion of this project. However, I do not wish to place the DRA Alternates in the difficult and fruitless position of casting a vote on a project that the Federal Co-Chairman has already pledged to veto.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Armerita Tell, Director
Office of Citizen and Community Services

cc: DRA Alternates