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Ms. Kathy Carroll
61 L.D. Carroll Drive
Carrollton, AL 35447

Dear Ms. Carroll:

Thank you for your letter regarding communications services companies operating in Mississippi. A representative from my office contacted Opticom for more information about the company. Opticom is a long distance company, like AT&T, Sprint and MCIWorldcom. Opticom is not as large as these companies, and they mainly service payphones, hotels, motels, jails and some businesses. Since they are a smaller company with fewer clients their rates are higher. If a caller does not specify which long distance carrier they want to use when they call from one of Opticom's client's phones, then Opticom is automatically used. Opticom has been in business since 1982, and they operate in the 48 contiguous states, Hawaii and Canada.

I plan to work closely with Mississippi's Legislators during my next four years as Governor to make Mississippi an even better place to live, work and visit. I do hope you and your family will once again visit Mississippi.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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