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Carolyn Jones  
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Dear Ms. Jones,

Thank you for writing to express your concerns for the trees that are being destroyed. One of the best parts of driving home to Batesville is seeing one of the beauties of Mississippi standing tall as they decorate the highway, especially in the spring and fall.

The destruction of trees **is** a terrible waste. I agree with you. However, the Mississippi Department of Transportation is responsible for highway maintenance, including the maintenance of the trees against the highways.

Thank you again for your concern. If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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