

June 19, 2001

Mr. Thomas Hunter  
Executive Director  
Appalachian Regional Commission  
1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20235

Dear Mr. Hunter:

In accordance with Section 101(b) of the Appalachian Regional Development Act and Section 2-3.5 of the ARC Code, I am, effective this date, designating Mr. Bill Renick, Chief of Staff, as my Alternate on the Appalachian Regional Commission. This letter certifies that Mr. Renick will have direct access to me, has my confidence in matters related to ARC, and will be able to reflect my views accurately.

I have assigned Mr. Renick to perform the duties of the State Alternate listed in Section 2-3.4 of the ARC Code. Specifically, in my absence and under my direction, Mr. Renick will:

1. Serve as my principal advisor and spokesman for the Appalachian Program;
2. Have overall responsibility for the management of Mississippi's Appalachian Program;
3. Have authority to sign Section 303 certifications respecting individual projects or grant applications (as distinguished from submission of state development plans and investment programs which require my signature);
4. Vote at Commission meetings (subsequent to Section 101 of the Act).

Very truly yours,

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