

June 18, 2001

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
810 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Sir or Madam:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am honored to support the application of the Metro Jackson YMCA for the Drug Free Community Support Grant.

Our state is working hard to reduce crime and drug abuse while making our communities and schools safer. If we provide our children with a good solid educational foundation, they will be better equipped to face the many challenges and temptations they will encounter throughout life. With the funding from the Drug Free Community Support Grant, the Metro Jackson YMCA will be able to create the "Drug-Free Communities Support Program" that will target children and teens between the age of 9 and 15. This after-school program will boost self-esteem and confidence, make a great impact on the reductions of drug abuse, violence and gang influence, and so much more.

I believe that programs, such as those made possible by the Drug Free Community Support Grant, are the key to making Mississippi "America's State of Promise." I am pleased to offer support for this application and the projects that will follow. Please feel free to contact me if any additional information is needed.

Very truly yours,

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