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To: Governor Ronnie Musgrove, Lt. Governor Amy Tuck, Educators, Local Legislators,
Media

It is terrifying what the State of Mississippi has done relative to our state's need for fiscal control.

We have insufficient money to fund financial operation of the State of Mississippi.

So we have cut the state's critical support of educational funding !!!!!/????

In Fiscal Year 2001, the State of Mississippi has \$320,498,573.79 more Tax Revenues from Gaming [that is without the associated ADDED Sales Tax, Income Tax, Ad Valorem Tax, etc., etc.] than it had just 10 years ago before Gaming was legal.

That added Gaming Tax alone is 15% of the state's Fiscal Year 2001 General Fund Collections of \$2,111,496,133.

- What is going on????
- Does anyone know / care sufficiently????
- Who is using the money????
- For what purpose????
- WHY????
- It certainly is not responsible leadership!!!!

What ever that USE is, cut it out and put the money back into Education!!!!

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