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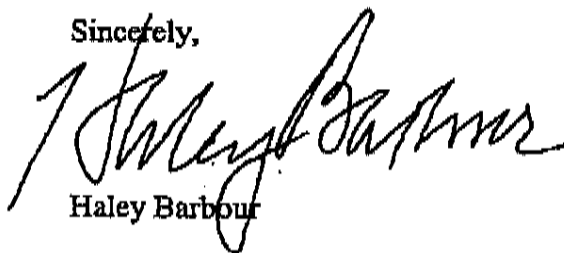
Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick
The United States Trade Representative
600 17th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

The State of Mississippi authorizes the U. S. Trade Representative to offer access to the Mississippi state government procurement market in new trade agreements that the U. S. Trade Representative is currently negotiating. These include trade agreements with Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

Mississippi will undertake the same commitments with regard to these new agreements that it has already undertaken under the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement.

Sincerely,



Haley Barbour

cc: Jean Heilman Grier