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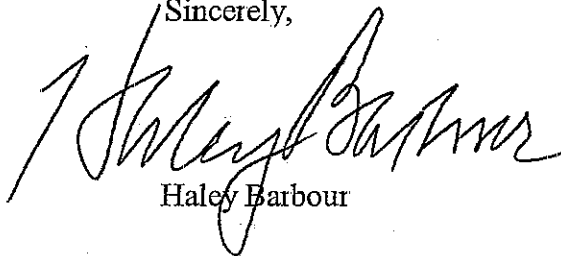
Dear Jack,

Thank you for participating in "Beyond the City Limits", the agriculture and rural development conference I hosted last week in Jackson. The conference was a great success, in no small part, because of your outstanding presentation. The findings you shared with the people of our state guaranteed a lot of excitement and enthusiasm.

You reminded more than 500 attendees that our rural communities can be great centers for job creation and economic development. Through their high quality of life, distinctive surroundings and history, and unique skill sets, rural areas are poised to take advantage of economic opportunities just as you define in Boomtown, USA.

Since becoming Governor, my number one priority has been job creation and sustainable economic development throughout Mississippi. The practical and inspirational vision you shared offers many excellent ideas for achieving that goal.

Sincerely,



Haley Barbour