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The Honorable Michael Guest  
United States House of Representatives  
450 Cannon HOB  
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Sincerely,

  
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Amy Cummins  
Executive Director, Chamber of Flowood



## Mississippi State Senate

### SENATOR JOSH HARKINS

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March 2, 2026

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Josh Harkins

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# Mississippi House of Representatives

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## REPRESENTATIVE LEE YANCEY District 74 Rankin County

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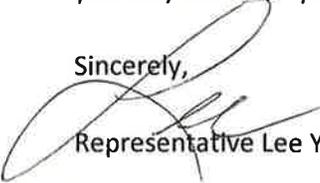
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Representative Lee Yancey

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Rankin County

March 3, 2026

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