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Janie O' Keefe, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. O'Keefe:

The Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District/Area Agency on Aging (SMPDD/AAA) supports the O'Keefe Educational Media Group (OEMG). We are interested in working collaboratively to inform and educate elderly and disabled citizens concerning available resources on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Older American Act requires the Area Agency on Aging to "serve as the Advocate and focal point for the elderly and disabled within the community." The SMPDD/AAA is charged with raising the awareness of aging issues among local government, the private sector, and the broader public.

Through this Letter of Support, SMPDD/AAA offers our assurance that the Internet Resource Center & Resource Directory for People with Disabilities will be provided with information on all relevant programs and informed of any resources that would benefit persons with disabilities. SMPDD/AAA also anticipates participation in ongoing, systematic outreach efforts to inform the elderly with disabilities and their families of available resources.

We wish you success in gaining funds for the proposed project. We look forward to working cooperatively and effectively with you to enhance education, independence, and the quality of life.

Sincerely,

Barry Dixon, Director
Area Agency on Aging