



Partnership for Rural America Campaign

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Gulfport, MS 39503-0860

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Supervisor Rockco:

In 2008, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act was reauthorized. In the past four years, 2008-2011, Mississippi Counties and School Districts have received approximately \$31,000,000.00 under the act. If the Act is not reauthorized, we estimate that the entire payment to the state of Mississippi for 2012 will be \$2,300,000.00 - a drastic reduction.

The purpose of the Partnership for Rural America Campaign is to renew the obligation the Federal Government holds with communities, and to promote the economic and social health of rural America by actively building a broad-based partnership to support the long-term reauthorization and appropriation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act. I have been working on this effort at the statewide level as chair of Mississippi's Community Action Team.

In order to secure a long-term reauthorization appropriated at a fixed level, the Partnership for Rural America Campaign has been proactive. In 2010, we laid the groundwork for reauthorization through our successful efforts to include reauthorization in President Obama's 2012 budget. Recently we achieved another milestone; inclusion in the House of Representative's 2012 budget.

As you know, an effort of this intensity costs money. In order to finance the campaign, we are asking each Mississippi County that receives money under the Secure Rural Schools and Community and Self Determination Act to contribute 1/10 of 1% of the county's 2008 payment. Harrison County received approximately \$208,000.00 in 2008 payments. This translates into a (rounded) contribution of \$200.00 from Harrison County. Your contribution to the partnership for Rural America Campaign will be used for direct advocacy efforts, ongoing communication, and occasional travel assistance for constituents of Congressmen from critical districts.

I have enclosed an invoice for payment purposes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Partnership for Rural America Campaign's activities for Mississippi Counties or about the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. Thank You for your contribution.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Bill Newsom

Sharkey County

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INVOICE

DATE: APRIL 20, 2011

TO:

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FOR:

Dues

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2011 Harrison County Dues -- Partnership for Rural America Campaign	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$200.00

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