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To: Mississippi House of Representatives  
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Re: 2022 Session Accomplishments

### **2022 Accomplishments**

- We expanded opportunity for our people.
  - HB531 – The Mississippi Tax Freedom Act, the largest tax cut in Mississippi history, gives over \$525 Million in tax relief to working families, and marks out a clear path to full elimination of the income tax.
  - HB530 – The START Act – raised teacher pay by \$246 Million, raising starting teacher pay above the state and national averages.
  - HB1388 – Our workforce development bill, puts private sector career coaches in K-12 schools to prepare students for the careers of today, streamlines our WFD efforts, and aligns them with employer’s needs.
  - HB1029 – The Broadband Accessibility Act will connect our citizens with greater opportunities by expanding broadband access to unserved areas of our state.
  - HB770 – The MS Equal Pay Act, which ensures that women receive equal pay for equal work.
  - ARPA bills – Appropriated \$1.5 Billion in ARPA funds for water, sewer and broadband infrastructure and healthcare needs.
  
- We returned power where it belongs – to the people.
  - HB1510 – ensures that non-citizens cannot vote, and increases funding to the Secretary of State’s election integrity efforts.
  - HB1365 – our “Zuckerbucks” bill, removes private money from the administration of our elections, so big tech billionaires cannot corrupt our election procedures.
  - HB1509 – We ensured public entities could not mandate COVID-19 vaccines and provided a religious exemption for private employees.
  - JR1 and JR201 – Redistricting. We accomplished the arduous task of redistricting our House and Senate seats, upholding the principle of one person, one vote.

- We stood with our health care heroes, first responders and law enforcement.
  - HB 770 – Provided a \$100,000 death benefit for our first responders.
  - HB1408 – increased Sheriff’s salaries.
  - HB1423 – increased the salaries of our appellate and trial judges and District Attorneys.
  - HB1424 – increased the salaries of our criminal investigators.
  - SB2120 – increased salaries of DPS officers.
  
- We stood up for the life of the unborn.
  - HB1685 – providing a \$3.5 Million tax credit for our Pregnancy Resource Centers, to help them support the women who choose life.
  
- We stood with our most vulnerable citizens.
  - HB1550 VOCA. Deficit appropriation of \$9.8M and \$2 Million for Victims of Crime for FY23.
  - Human Trafficking \$2.5M grant program for victims of human trafficking.
  
- We stood for the principle that we are one people, One Mississippi.
  - SB2113 – We ensured that our schools will not classify our students on the basis of race, and that they will not teach that one race is superior or inferior to another.
  - HB1487. State Song. We are truly “One Mississippi” now, and from now on that will be our state song.