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6.	in responding to all	
	of these folks.	
	Thanks,	
	PhM	

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 14, 1998

Mr. Phillip M. Caplan
Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Caplan:

We write to nominate Dante B. Fascell to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. As Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Dante B. Fascell exercised strong, principled leadership for our country during the final chapter of the Cold War. He has the respect of Democrats and Republicans and should be properly honored for his service to America. We believe that the Presidential Medal of Freedom would be the most appropriate honor.

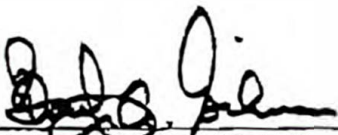
Dante B. Fascell, born in Bridgehampton, New York, March 9, 1917, moved to Florida in 1925 where he completed his education and was admitted to the bar in 1938. Dante Fascell entered the Florida National Guard on January 6, 1941. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant May 23, 1942, he served in the African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns of World War II. Dante Fascell served as a member of the Florida state house of representatives from 1950-1954. Subsequently, he served in the House of Representatives from January 3, 1955 to January 3, 1989. Congressman Fascell served as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs from the Ninety-eighth through the One Hundredth Congresses.

During his tenure on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Dante Fascell was instrumental in enacting an astonishing array of bills that significantly advanced America's interests abroad. These included the creation of the National Endowment for Democracy, Radio Marti, the Inter-American Foundation, and the North-South Center. Congressman Fascell also authored and advanced numerous bills to improve international narcotics control and aviation safety, as well securing passage of the Freedom Support and SEED Acts, the Fascell Fellowships, and biennial State Department Authorization bills. Dante Fascell was also a driving force behind establishing the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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We respectfully request you submit this nomination to the President to award Dante B. Fascell the Presidential Medal of Freedom, pursuant to Executive Order 11085, in recognition of Chairman Fascell's exceptionally meritorious contributions to the national security interests of the United States.

Sincerely,



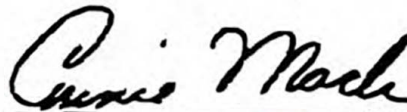
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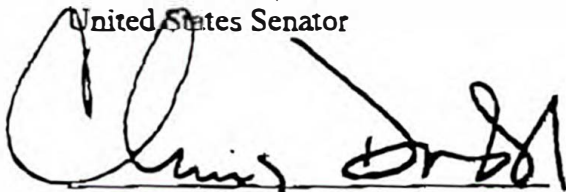
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September 30, 1998

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Clinton:

Recently I received a copy of "Youth Today" periodical that focuses on youth, our most valuable resource. What caught my eye was the fact considering cutting even further, programs that lead to productive and participative adults. Head Start, job training, cuts Head Start and school to work program, cuts \$140 million for after-school and new technology for low income kids and on the other hand Senate Bill 10 and House Bill 3 are only on enforcement and lock-up and little if any on prevention. In fact, the House Bill forbids any of the \$500 million dollar block grant funds from being used for prevention.

This is insanity! We can certainly appreciate the need for enforcement of the law but we must invest on the front end if we really want to change the outcomes. Programs in education for our youth and positive activities after school as well as job opportunities will make the difference. We must set aside "political" expedience and look at what really works. For example in Waco the "Lighted Schools" program in only four years has made a bigger difference than any get "tough" policy, mandatory sentencing, or prison building for juveniles.

The "Lighted Schools" program, which may cease to exist given the Federal and State cutbacks, has resulted in a 57% increase in good attendance at school; a 38% decrease in kids failing two or more classes; a 53% increase in "good behavior"; 80% decrease in the number of kids arrested; and a 50% decrease in court referrals. These results are far better

10-15-98

TO BURKHARDT
FOR REPLY.

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*Rec'd copy Youth Today
paper focus on youth
article on developmental
Program for youth - Eye care
was congress consider cutting
Programs, Head start, sch-
work programs, funding training
etc*

than the offered crime reduction numbers, which have been said to be the result of, get "tough" policies. But beware of those crime statistics because underneath is most likely the reason for the recent reduction in crime. The factor to consider is that the population of the age group of those who are most likely to commit a crime has been going down but in the next ten years will begin to skyrocket! If we don't invest on the front end in these kids we run the risk of making the past problems look like a "picnic". Our prison population has doubled in the last ten years with a slow population growth is this our solution, do we continue to double the prison population every 10 years? We are reaching out to symptoms and not dealing with the causes.

Now is not the time to take our short-term gains, it is a time to invest in the long-term. Now is not the time for further tax breaks, it is a time to reinvest in our children and our future. The investments we made after World War II in the GI Bill and in the 60's in our children and in education have provided American with what it has today. We need that new kind of investment today as we prepare our Nation for tomorrow's 21st Century.

Sincerely,

Bernard Rapoport



*Mr President
This is such
important
issue seeing
you - BR*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

10/16

Phil Caplan -

Dep Sec Mole's resignation
letter to POTUS.

Can we get a letter
FR: POTUS by Mandy
am so Goody or
Richardson can read it
at a going away party.

Thx -

Kris



The Deputy Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

October 14, 1998

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

By this letter, I wish to tender my resignation from the position of Deputy Secretary of Energy, effective October 19, 1998. It has been my distinct honor, and pleasure, to serve as a member of your Administration.

I have had the honor of serving as a Presidential appointee at both the Department of Energy and at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for over ten years. I cannot imagine having had a more exciting, challenging, and rewarding experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Nation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Moler

Elizabeth A. Moler

10/15/98

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

10-15-98
Dan
see request
on filing
phil

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Phil -

Does this look okay to you?
We plan to release Friday
morning.

15 PM 1:30

Thx -

Ed Rice

10-15-68

Ed -

I think it's fine
but begs the question of when
will it happen.

Trail

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 15, 1998

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I am very pleased to announce my intention to award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Medal of Freedom is this nation's highest civilian honor and it is a fitting tribute to the extraordinary accomplishments of Chancellor Kohl.

Throughout his sixteen year tenure as leader of Germany, Chancellor Kohl has made historic contributions to the cause of peace and freedom in Europe and around the world. With uncommon vision and unstinting courage, he led the reunification of Germany while pushing deep European integration, bolstered transatlantic solidarity, and promoted the cause of democracy everywhere. Americans are grateful for the untiring efforts of this inspiring leader, who will rank among those who changed the course of history.

Helmut Kohl has been a life-long friend of the United States and has personally committed himself to the enduring partnership of our two countries. On behalf of all Americans, it is my profound pleasure to honor him with this symbol of our nation's high esteem and deep appreciation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 12/15

To: Gene Sperling

From: The Staff Secretary

POTUS has directed this document
to you and Carl Whitlock at USDA. It's
regarding an application for an EZ Zone
in Arkansas.

On advice of Counsel, you should not
forward it to USDA. If you contact
them, you should urge only fair
consideration of the application.

Phil

PROPOSED WOODRUFF/JACKSON COUNTY
EMPOWERMENT ZONE PROJECT
9/29/98

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

10-13-98

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

On behalf of eligible census tracts in Woodruff and Jackson Counties, the North Arkansas Human Services System, Inc., of Batesville, is making application to the USDA Rural Development for the approval and designation of the Woodruff/Jackson County Empowerment Zone. This application is submitted in response to the President's request to establish several new Rural Empowerment Zones throughout the United States.

Special consideration is to be given to rural areas with high levels of poverty, unemployment, and high rates of out-migration of population. This application was developed in conjunction with the Wodruff/Jackson County EZ Steering Committee. This is a local group of community leaders from various parts of the EZ, representing several sectors of the community (Business, government, non-profits, State agencies, Federal agencies, farmers, educators, faith organizations and etc.

The total EZ Project is a ten year program and, if approved by USDA, will inject about **\$40million in Federal Social Services Block Grant funds to be matched with approximately \$4 million of local generated dollars** and resources from the EZ community and the partnership agencies to be involved in its implementation. This partnership includes groups such as: North Arkansas Human Services System, Inc., White River Rural Health Center, White River Regional Housing Authority, White River Area Agency on Aging, Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Woodruff and Jackson County Governments, and several local city governments in the EZ.

The formal EZ application is to be submitted to the USDA Rural Development Office in Washington, D. C., on or about October 8, 1998. Funding and designations are to be made on or about January 1, 1999.



North Arkansas
Human Services System, Inc.

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SUMMARY
INITIAL TWO YEAR WORK PLAN
WOODRUFF/JACKSON COUNTY EMPOWERMENT ZONE

PRIMARY PROBLEM:

There are a number of serious problems confronting the Woodruff/Jackson County Empowerment Zone and some of these are addressed in the proposed Empowerment Zone (EZ) Strategic Plan. In the process of developing this plan, the most serious community problems have been identified by the representatives of the various communities of this EZ who have also participated in the Champion Community Planning Process, over the past one and one half years. Notwithstanding the serious economic distress which plagues this EZ, the members of the EZ planning and steering committee invariably agreed that this area's most pressing problem is **THE OUT MIGRATION OF ITS POPULATION.**

The socio-economic and demographic data, contained in Section IV of the Woodruff/Jackson County EZ Application, clearly indicate that this region has experienced a precipitous population loss, since the late 1950's. This startling fact strongly suggests that, unless this trend is reversed, this EZ will soon reach a state where it hardly has enough population to function as normal community should function.

Under this work plan and during the initial two years of the operation of this proposed EZ, the communities of this area will undertake an ambitious attempt to solve the out migration problem, along with other critical community development issues. This plan is comprehensive in its scope, yet realistic and concise, in terms of the use of resources and capabilities of the targeted EZ communities.

ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM:

As indicated by studies of rural Arkansas population trends, the EZ Steering Committee for the Woodruff/Jackson County EZ Project have concluded that people have left this area primarily because of the lack of sustainable employment and adequate training opportunities. This problem is further distended by the lack of decent housing and accessible health and human services. These findings have led the EZ to conclude that any lasting solutions to these problems must be addressed by:

1. Job Training Programs: Programs which can produce workers with adequate skills and work ethics to attract new employers into the EZ.
2. Financial Incentives: Incentives to businesses, including tax breaks, low interest loans, and other financial tools which will promote and not discourage permanent new employers or the expansion of existing businesses in the EZ.

3. Vocational Case Management: Programs to help access workers skills and needs and to help in job placement and retention.
4. Community Family Enrichment Services: Programs which will assure workers of adequate housing, medical care, transportation, and other valuable community services.

PROPOSED VOCATIONAL/EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

During the initial phase of this work plan, the EZ will concentrate on the alleviation of the problems identified above. Some of the emphasis of this work plan will be on the creation of an EZ-wide Vocational Centers, which will include Centers for Evaluation, Training, Job Placement, and Follow-Up Services for the area workforce.

Evaluation/Job Training/Job Placement/Employment Follow-Up Centers

A central part of the Woodruff/Jackson EZ Project will be the establishment of two centers in the EZ to serve the employment and training needs of the area workforce. One multi-purpose center will be located in each of the two counties and will provide the following services:

- *Evaluation Centers** to evaluate and test potential workers and trainees of the EZ.
- *Job Training Centers** to provide vocational training for various occupations.
- *Job Placement Service Centers** to conduct employee interviews and screening.
- *Employment Follow-Up Offices** to allow employers to make six month follow-up visits with workers and participants who have completed a particular training program.

Also, during the initial 2 year phase of the work plan, the Woodruff/Jackson EZ will address some of the area's most critical **infrastructure problems**. This will include working with State and Federal Highway Officials to improve the local roads and highways in the EZ, and to try to upgrade existing water and sewer systems in several communities of the EZ. I

In terms of **health and human services needs**, the EZ Strategic Plan will address the development of new medical clinics in the EZ, to be operated in partnership with the White River Rural Health Center and North Arkansas Human Services System. Plans also call for the establishment of a new senior citizens services center in the EZ, improved access to health care and additional home delivered meals and outreach services to frail elderly residents of the EZ.

The EZ Strategic Plan also addresses the area of **agriculture and agricultural related employment**. One of the primary goals of the Woodruff/Jackson County EZ is to complete the development of a large catfish processing plant in the Cotton Plant area of Woodruff County. The community has an existing building which was built for this purpose several years ago, but it has not found the capital necessary for equipment, training and other costs needed to get the factory opened.

Probably the single most important prospect for economic development in the EZ is the potential for the location of a new **State Prison Long Term Care Facility** in Woodruff County. Over the past two years, the Arkansas Prison System has considered locating such a facility which might potentially provide some 500 new jobs for the EZ. With the federal resources allocated under the EZ program, a portion of funds would go to purchase land help entice the State Prison System to select Woodruff County for this new facility. With this facility, there would be a resulting need for vast infrastructure improvements. Some of the EZ funding could be used to gain State and Federal matching funds for roads and water/sewer systems associated with the Prison.

Finally, over the initial two years of the EZ work plan, the project plans to use EZ funds to conduct a wide range of **other miscellaneous programs** and services for the betterment of all residents of this EZ. This include matching funds for affordable housing loans, school and community based educational programs for youth, and various agriculture promotional programs.

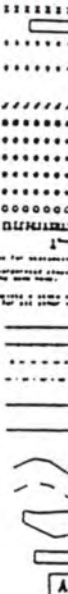
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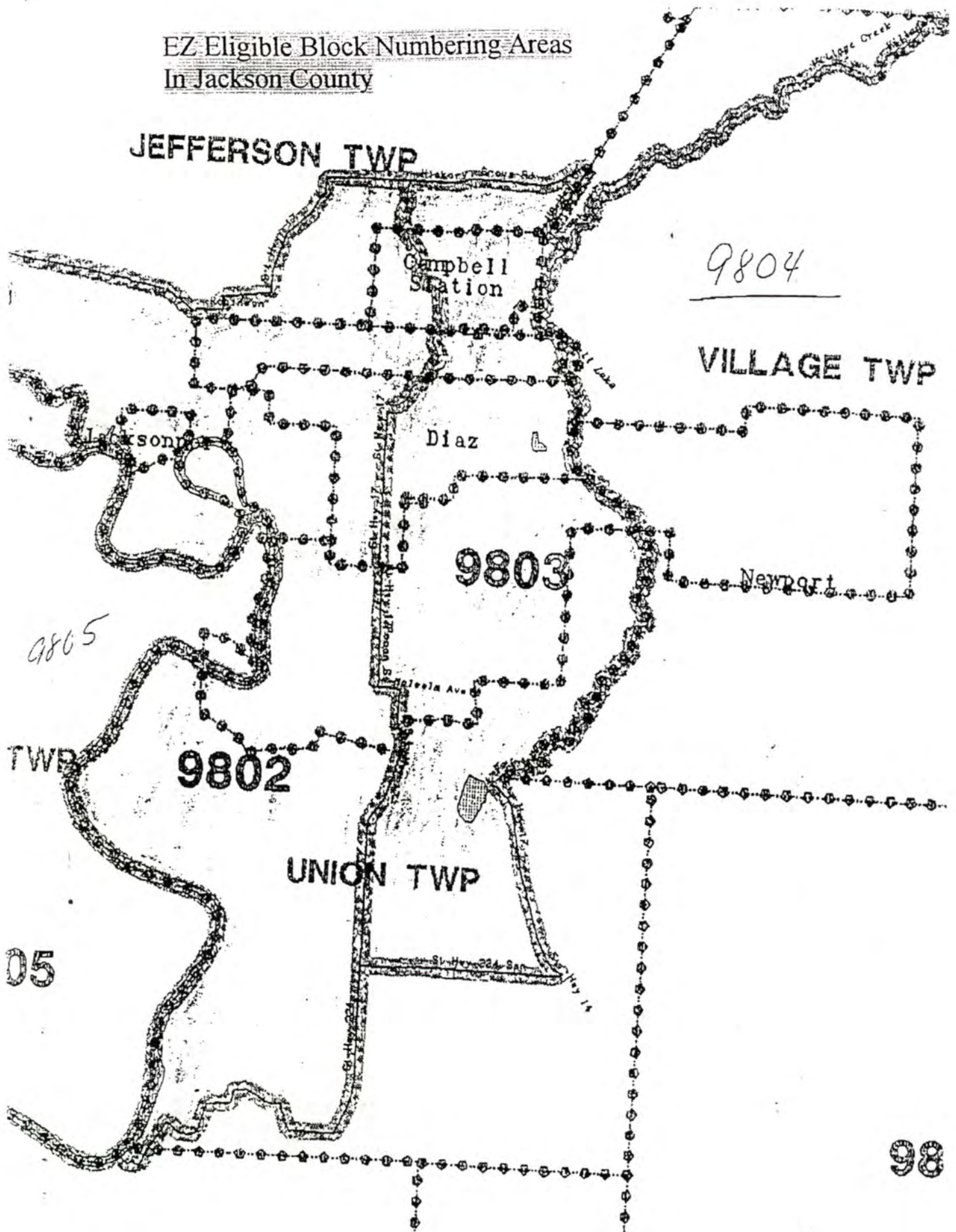
PROPOSED OPERATIONAL BUDGET PHASE I 2 Year Plan WOODRUFF/JACKSON COUTNY EZ PROJECT

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Match from North Arkansas Human Services	50,000	50,000
Match from White River Rural Health Center	50,000	50,000
Match From White River AAA	50,000	50,000
Match From WRRHA	50,000	50,000
Match From EZ Community	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total Match	\$400,000	\$400,000
 <u>EZ FEDERAL SSBG Grant</u>		
Evaluation Centers	1,500,000	1,500,000
Economic Developer/Promotions	100,000	100,000
Health/Human Services Costs	500,000	500,000
Agricultural Projects (Catfish Processing Plant)	500,000	500,000
Employment Projects (Prison Nursing Home)	600,000	600,000
Other Educational, Housing & School Based Projects	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Total SSBG	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000

LEGE



EZ Eligible Block Numbering Areas
In Jackson County



This map displays the state of Arkansas with its county boundaries and names. Major cities are marked with dots, and some are labeled with their names. The county of Woodruff is highlighted in black. The map includes a scale bar indicating 0 to 20 miles and coordinates for the top-left and bottom-right corners.

Counties and Cities:

- PHILIPS
- SAINT FRANCOIS
- LACLEDE
- DENT
- IRON
- WEBSTER
- TEXAS
- REYNOLDS
- BOLLINGER
- CAPE GIRARDEAU
- DOUGLAS
- SHANNON
- WAYNE
- SCOTT
- HOWELL
- OREGON
- CARTER
- NEW MADRID
- OZARK
- RIPLEY
- BUTLER
- CLAY
- DUNKLIN
- LAKE
- BAZAR
- FULTON
- RANDOLPH
- GREENE
- IZARD
- SHARP
- LAWRENCE
- DIYER
- SEARCY
- INDEPENDENCE
- JONESBORO
- MISSISSIPPI
- CROCKETT
- CLEBURNE
- JACKSON
- POINSETT
- TIPTON
- CONWAY
- WHITE
- CRITTENDEN
- FAYETTE
- Memphis
- DE SOTO
- MARSHALL
- LEE
- TUNICA
- PHILLIPS
- PANOLA
- LAFAYETTE
- COAHOMA
- GRANT
- Pine Bluff
- ARKANSAS
- MONROE
- LEE
- TUNICA
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- COAHOMA
- TALLAHATCHIE
- GRENADA
- CARROLL
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- SHARKEY
- SHOLMES
- ATTALA
- LEFLORE
- BOLIVAR
- DESHA
- SUNFLOWER
- GREENVILLE
- BRADLEY
- ASHLEY
- DREW
- CLEVELAND
- LINCOLN
- DALLAS
- CHITA
- CALHOUN
- UNION

Scale: 0 to 20 mi

Coordinates: -93 08' 49" 37 59' 19" (Top Left), -89 05' 35" 32 50' 24" (Bottom Right)

PROPOSED WOODRUFF/JACKSON COUNTY
EMPOWERMENT ZONE

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

State Capitol
Little Rock 72201

Mike Huckabee
Governor

October 5, 1998

The Honorable Dan Glickman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of Community Development
300 Seventh Street SW.
Reporters Building, Suite 701
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Secretary Glickman:

With this letter is conveyed an application or "nomination" for a Rural Federal Empowerment Zone Designation. It is my understanding that this application has been pre-certified as to eligibility through the State office of USDA, Rural Development. This application is within the regulatory requirements on population, poverty and square mileage.

As you are no doubt aware, the Arkansas Delta Region is afflicted by a degree of poverty almost unparalleled in the United States. The funds that could be made available through a Rural Federal Empowerment Zone Designation would do much to alleviate this poverty and the human suffering this region endures.

Being a fiscal conservative, I have a profound appreciation for the value and scarcity of taxpayer dollars. For this reason, I would want this State to do everything in its power to ensure that any funds awarded indeed serve their intended purposes and reach their intended beneficiaries. Accordingly, in the event Arkansas is granted a Rural Federal Empowerment Zone, I would request your assistance and guidance in monitoring, both financially and programmatically, the use of any funds awarded.

I appreciate your consideration of this application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Dotson Collins, my Agriculture Liaison, at 682-3620.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature of Mike Huckabee in dark ink.

Mike Huckabee

MH:dc:smb