



July 29, 2005

The Honorable Mac Gipson
Alabama House of Representatives
810 South Memorial Drive
Prattville, Alabama 36067

Dear Mac:

I wanted to take another moment to thank you personally for your efforts to secure passage of HB 134 on the last day of the regular session. As you know, the Choctaw Point Container Terminal is the seaport's flagship project dedicated to providing vital transportation infrastructure for Alabama industry. Due to your vote during debate, the Authority will receive this crucial funding so necessary to further terminal construction and secure private investment in the project.

Your leadership during a most difficult legislative session helped fulfill the will imposed by Alabama citizens back in 2000. The Authority will be putting these funds to good use to deliver Stage 1 of the container terminal by mid-2007. I will keep you advised of our progress and if you have any questions about the project or how it can serve your district, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James K. Lyons", is written over the closing text.

James K. Lyons
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