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Mississippi Poultry Association
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Dear Friends:

The Mississippi Poultry Association plays an integral role in our state’s economy, and I appreciate everything you do for the poultry business. Congratulations on 75 years of helping Mississippi’s poultry farmers grow into the thriving industry it is today.

The poultry industry has a $6 billion impact on Mississippi’s economy and employs 56,000 people either directly or indirectly. Clearly, agriculture plays a crucial role in our state’s future. That is why the Legislature and I have worked hard to support programs that aid our agriculture industry, including the Emerging Crops Loan Program and the outstanding agriculture departments at our universities.

Most importantly, Mississippi’s poultry companies give back to their communities. Your businesses are critical community partners in many Mississippi towns, supporting local schools and donating food to people in need.

Again, congratulations on this momentous occasion. I look forward to working with you to keep Mississippi’s agriculture economy strong.

Sincerely,

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Tate Reeves
Lieutenant Governor