



**City of
Hernando**
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April 30, 2024

The Honorable Trent Kelly
U.S. House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Public Fire Protection Facilities: City of Hernando, MS

Dear Representative Kelly,

Please accept this correspondence as an official Letter of Support for the request of a \$10.5 million funding allocation from the U.S. Congress. It is our understanding this funding would be allocated to critical Public Fire Protection Facilities in the City of Hernando, MS.

From the time that Interstate 269 was completed, the area in Hernando around McIngvale Road and Green T Road has experienced significant growth, both economically and in terms of population.

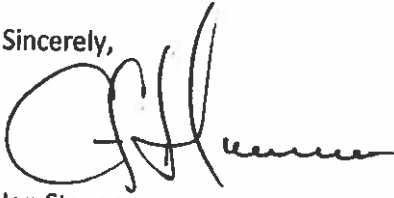
The Gatorade Field House has been built and is used by great numbers of sports enthusiasts and families. A new Hernando High School is being built, set to open in 2025, which can house 2,000 students. There are plans for a hospitality development with 3 Marriott Hotels, which will include a fuel station, shopping, and dining. Several large mixed-use developments are planned, including an 800-unit subdivision across from the new Hernando High School, and a 200-unit subdivision surrounding Hernando Hills Elementary School.

The very large Green T subdivision, which includes the Hernando Golf & Racquet Club, as well as Hernando Hills Elementary School, are outside the fire station distance requirements of the Mississippi State Rating Bureau.

As a local developer, I have a personal interest in this project since I am the owner of the Hernando Golf & Racquet Club and have an approved mixed-use development, McIngvale Square, in that area.

As a result of this growth, the Mississippi State Rating Bureau requires a fourth fire station to service these areas, located around the McIngvale and Green T road area, which would help adequately cover the City of Hernando and allow room to continue to grow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Stevenson', written in a cursive style.

Jon Stevenson

Stevenson Enterprises, Hernando MS

Hernando Golf & Racquet Club



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As the Superintendent of DeSoto County Schools, I have a personal interest in this project since the new Hernando High is presently under construction and there will be an immense number of people affected by this growth.

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Cory Userton
Superintendent, DeSoto County Schools