



November 2, 2018

Alon Bee, Chairman of the Board
Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership
AND Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership Officers

Dear Friends,

Allow me to begin by stating how wonderful it has been for the Partnership and I to have your active and strong leadership during this year. We have accomplished a number of goals and continued to provide results in economic development, public policy, infrastructure improvements and efforts to have the region work together. I believe the Partnership is positioned to have even more successes in the coming year.

Personally, I love this regional community and sincerely believe the best is still to come. However, the time has come for me to pass the torch of leadership to your next President/CEO. This decision is truly one of the hardest that I have ever had to make, nevertheless, I know it is the right time. I have been fortunate to lead chambers/economic development entities for the past forty-two wonderful years! And, nearly twenty-five of those years were here in Metro Jackson. While I am very willing to help the Partnership, if asked, the torch of leadership needs to be passed on.

I believe this organization is well-positioned to be a key entity in bringing the regional business community and elected officials together for great achievements. I truly believe that good things are ahead. This organization has been, and continues to be, the key for a success. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate with leadership from across this four-county region on many accomplishments. If we continue to work together, without lines of jurisdiction, the rewards will come. Thank you again for the opportunity to have been part of the team where many milestones have been achieved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane A. O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Duane A. O'Neill
President/CEO
Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership