



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRIES

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Rick Pate
Commissioner

August 5, 2025

Mr. Patrick Harris
Secretary of the Senate
11 South Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36130

Re: Appointment to the Agriculture Exhibition Center Corporation Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Harris:

This letter serves as my reappointment of Mr. Thomas Ellis to the Agriculture Exhibition Center Board of Directors position created by Section 1, paragraph (c) (5) of Act 2024-451. I request that the Senate confirm his appointment. Mr. Ellis, initial term was for one year, and this reappointment will be for four years as outlined in the Act.

Mr. Ellis has over forty years of experience in the agricultural sector including experience related to cattle, poultry, and pecans. In addition to his farming experience, Mr. Ellis is the owner of Priester's Pecans and its associated pecan shelling and manufacturing businesses. Mr. Ellis also serves the agricultural community by serving in leadership roles in various agricultural organizations including the Lowndes County Farmers Federation, the Lowndes County Economic Development Commission, the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, the Alabama Agricultural Development Authority, and the Southeastern Livestock Exposition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff if we can be of any assistance to you and the Senate.

Sincerely,

Rick Pate, Commissioner

cc: other appointing authorities and LSA

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