



Sample Letter sent to US Senators Shelby and Sessions and Congressman Rogers and Alabama Representative Graham and Senator Little

July 27, 2007

Senator Richard Shelby
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Shelby:

The Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners (HOBOS) Association, Inc., would like to thank you and your staff for assisting Governor Riley in intervening with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the release of water downstream from Georgia's Lake Allatoona, and Alabama Power Company in its request to reduce minimum flow on the Alabama River.

In just over one month, our membership of Lake Martin stakeholders has rapidly grown to over 300, far exceeding our expectations, and our projected membership goal by the end of 2007 is 1,000+ members. To further identify our organization exclusively as a scientific, educational, and charitable entity within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, we are currently in the process of applying for not-for-profit status.

As we discussed in our letter of July 18, 2007, the HOBOS primary mission is the "*Preservation of Lake Martin for Future Generations*" and supporting the local communities. To assist the HOBOS in our mission and underlying goals, we are inquiring as to whether your office could assist us in identifying, applying for, and being granted Federal grant monies designated for, but not limited to:

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| - Lake preservation | - Boating safety | - Water quality |
| - Shoreline erosion | - Aquatic life | - Fish habitats |
| - Environmental matters | - Historical lake landmarks | - Stewardships |
| - Recreational facilities | - Lake management | - Lake cleanliness |

We have enclosed a HOBOS brochure for your review and look forward to discussing the grant monies available to support our organization's mission. For additional information regarding the HOBOS, please visit our website at www.lakemartin.org.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at (205) 913-7665 or merrickse@gmail.com.

Kindest regards,

Stephen E. Merrick
1st Vice President
Lake Martin HOBOS