



SENATOR WILLIAM H. FRIST, M.D.
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February 8, 2017

The Honorable Darryl Grennell
Mayor of Natchez
1245 Pearl Street
Natchez, MS 39120

Dear Mayor Grennell,

My wife Tracy and I bought Old Town, a historic antebellum home adjacent Mississippian Cultural Indian Mounds on the Old Natchez Trace in Williamson County in 2015. We treasure and revere Old Town and the Old Natchez Trace's scenic, historic and culturally significant history. As a young boy I fondly recall visiting Old Town for church picnics and being struck by the beauty of the long swath of daffodils that lined the Natchez Trace in front of Old Town. Indeed it was the always welcoming Mrs. Henry Goodpasture who with her husband lived at Old Town from the 1940s to the 1970s who planted the historic daffodils along the frontage on both sides of the Trace. The display of these bright yellow flowers is a joy to us and all those thousands who weekly travel the Old Natchez Trace each Spring.

We will contribute to this generational legacy of historic daffodils by lengthening the stretch of their blooming to the entire frontage of the Old Town property. Our friend Laura Turner with Citizens for Old Natchez Trace located an historic daffodil book written by Sara VanBeck, a well-recognized expert in historic daffodils in the United States. Sara referred Laura to David Atkins in Natchez and we understand that David reached out to you to see if the City of Natchez would consider donating their historic daffodils to this initiative. We understand they are called "lent lilies" in Mississippi and here in Tennessee we call them "buttercups."

Tracy and I are very grateful to you and the City of Natchez for your generous gift of daffodils to our end of the Old Natchez Trace. Your gift symbolically and literally binds together the beginning and the end of the Natchez Trace travelled by so many since prehistoric times. This is a living gift that will continue to grow and brighten the paths for generations to come. We hope one day you will come visit and see for yourself the new Natchez lent lilies flourishing along the Old Natchez Trace by Old Town.

Thank you and the City of Natchez for this everlasting gift.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William H. Frist".

Senator William H. Frist, MD

cc: Laura Turner