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Dear Technology Association of Georgia Member,

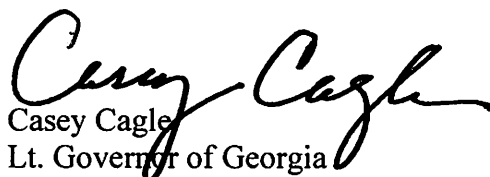
I wanted to take a moment to update you on legislation that passed the General Assembly this session which should provide a significant, positive impact to entrepreneurs and technology businesses in Georgia.

House Bill 1069 contains a measure I fought very hard for this year which will provide a critical boost to our state's high tech industry by providing an income tax credit of up to \$50,000 for individuals who invest in innovative start-up companies in Georgia. Economic development and job creation are my top priority as Lt. Governor, and I firmly believe that incentives like this one are vital to nurturing and supporting the kinds of businesses that are the cornerstone of our state's economy in the 21st century.

As technology leaders, you know that one of the most important components of any successful business is access to early-stage capital. Moving technology from concept to commercialization is no easy task, and I am confident that this measure will encourage Georgia's angel investors to invest in our state's entrepreneurs and in the cutting-edge innovations that they are creating.

I am grateful to the Technology Association of Georgia for its dedication and efforts to support this legislation through the General Assembly. The bill still needs the Governor's signature before becoming law, so I would encourage you to contact Governor Perdue to express your support and ask him to sign this pro-business measure quickly. I wish you the best for the future, and please let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,


Casey Cagle
Lt. Governor of Georgia