



Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Dear members of House Ways and Means Committee,

On behalf of the Metro Atlanta Chamber, I encourage you to support the provision of House Bill 587 (LC 43 1940, sections 2-1 and 2-2) known as the Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act. This legislation would strengthen the competitiveness of Georgia's business environment, incentivize job growth, and increase long-term development and investment in the state's medical equipment and pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the demand for increased domestic medical manufacturing to better serve public health needs. This bill, which follows the critical PPE Tax Credit framework which passed during the 2020 legislative session, would expand domestic manufacturing of these essential supplies and the state's healthcare ecosystem.

Last year, Metro Atlanta Chamber, in partnership with the CDC Foundation, Microsoft, and other partners, launched the Global Health Crisis Coordination Center to efficiently coordinate private sector resources and medical supplies in response to global health issues. This legislation would help further position Georgia as a center for global health and maintain our standing as the #1 place to do business.

Therefore, Metro Atlanta Chamber supports the Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act and respectfully requests your support of House Bill 587.

Sincerely,

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