

April 1, 2022

Dear Members of the Georgia State Senate,

As business organizations focused on a vibrant economy, we encourage you to support House Bill 1291. This bill ensures Georgia remains competitive by continuing and updating our successful sales tax incentives to attract high tech computing and data center facilities.

These incentives have been responsible for attracting significant technological investment in Georgia for over 20 years. They are important tools for our booming technological growth and spur massive investment across multiple businesses, bringing jobs, tax revenue, and economic growth to our state. This bill updates the incentives to encourage rural investment and puts in place a tax on those companies that are choosing to invest here, which will support local and state government while also encouraging large scale investment.

Our organizations support economic development projects across the state and know firsthand about the importance of these incentives which are used by all kinds of companies increasingly relying on significant amounts technology. We have been successful in making Georgia a desirable destination for data centers, resulting in higher tax collections and significant job creation. Industries using the incentives include shipping and logistics, payment processing, manufacturing, retail, and communications.

Without these incentives, Georgia will be at a competitive disadvantage. Therefore, we support this legislation and ask for your favorable consideration of House Bill 1291, which has a positive economic impact, both direct and indirect, statewide. We appreciate the legislature's efforts to keep Georgia the best state for business through sound tax policy. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Associated General Contractors of Georgia, Inc.
Cobb Chamber
Data Center Coalition
Douglas County Chamber
Georgia Agribusiness Council
Georgia Association of Manufacturers
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Economic Developers Association
Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Metro Atlanta Chamber
Technology Association of Georgia