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Nathan Deal
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Dear International Economic Development Council:

On behalf of the entire state of Georgia, I would like to welcome you to the 2018 International Economic Development Council's annual conference.

Since taking office, I have made economic development opportunities a top priority for our state. These strategic and collaborative efforts have allowed us to secure and maintain the ranking as the No. 1 state in the nation in which to do business for four consecutive years. Georgia's pro-business environment, highly skilled workforce and world-class infrastructure network continue to attract companies from across the globe to locate and support the growth of our existing industries across the state. Our connectivity through high-traffic airports and ports, low cost of doing business and a thriving quality of life are several of many qualities that make Georgia the premier location to grow or relocate a business.

As you will also discover, Georgia is also a great place to live and play. Not only do we attract global businesses – we attract tourists from all over the world, top film productions, a thriving international community and more. I am confident that you will enjoy your experience here in Atlanta and we encourage you to spend a few extra days here to explore the state.

Enjoy the conference and all our state has to offer during your stay. Thank you for keeping Georgia on your mind.

Sincerely,

Nathan Deal

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