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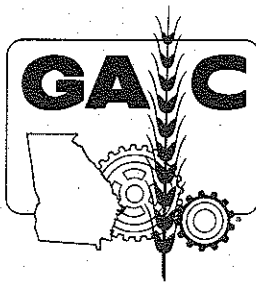
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# GEORGIA AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL

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February 10, 2011

Mr. A. D. Frazier  
Chairman  
Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians  
2930 Briarglen Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30340

Dear Chairman Frazier,

On behalf of the Georgia Agribusiness Council and our more than 700 member companies, I am pleased to submit this letter to state our support for the report issued by the Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians. We recognize the report covers a diverse swath of tax measures and that the focus on issuing a suite of recommendations will strengthen Georgia's economy and enhance our regional competitiveness. By establishing strong guiding principles and keeping the overall impact of state tax collections revenue neutral, we feel this report delivers on the intent sought in the legislation that created this initiative.

GAC was pleased to be included with other groups in the formal public hearing process and in the fact finding sessions held across the state to discuss the needs and opportunities for growing Georgia's economy. Our presentation and conversations with Tax Council members allowed us to convey the importance of keeping Georgia's \$68.8 billion agribusiness industry vibrant. Business-friendly tax advantages will help grow and keep jobs in Georgia, which has special significance in rural economies where the economic impact of agriculture is more prevalent.

While agriculture has a great story to tell regarding the history of our state's economy, it is our future that holds much promise. A business-friendly tax code that focuses on taxing output instead of inputs will position Georgia for much needed economic growth.

Again, we are pleased to express our support for the recommendations of the Tax Council. We look forward to advocating for its adoption in the 2011 session of the Georgia General Assembly as we all strive to get this economy growing again. We deeply appreciate the time you and the Tax Council members contributed toward the successful completion of this very significant project.

Respectfully,

Bryan R. Tolar  
President

