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Dear UIBS Participants,

Georgia is honored to again host the USA India Business Summit! I extend a warm Georgia welcome to the Honorable V.S. Senthil, economic minister of the Indian Embassy, as well as to the other dignitaries and business executives in attendance. During the inaugural event in 2010, we made significant headway in discovering new avenues of bilateral cooperation between the United States and India, and I am confident that this year's summit will be just as impactful.

This summit, organized around the theme of "Growing Business and Promoting Entrepreneurship," plays an important role in the relationship shared between Georgia and India. My administration places a high priority on creating business opportunities that spur job growth in Georgia, and we realize the vital role that our community of entrepreneurs and small businesses play in creating Georgia jobs.

The rich and longstanding relationship Georgia shares with India spans business, cultural, academic and diplomatic arenas. We also have a very robust trade partnership, with 2010 Georgia exports to India totaling more than \$562 million, which was a 35 percent increase over 2009. Georgia is also ranked sixth among U.S. states in imports from India, underscoring the considerable role of bilateral cooperation in encouraging business growth, particularly during challenging economic times.

In addition to the continued growth of the U.S.-India relationship, it is my hope that this summit will also encourage the energetic exchange of new ideas, enhanced global opportunities for businesses in both countries, and that we all leave with actionable next steps for moving forward.

Sincerely,

Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia