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RE: Letter of Support

The increasing cost of healthcare consistently ranks at or near the top when members of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce are asked to list their greatest concerns when it comes to their businesses.

Access to affordable healthcare is also a major indicator that companies look for when determining whether to locate in Georgia or to expand their investments within the state.

That is why the Georgia Chamber of Commerce is pleased to participate in the ACCESS Healthcare Coalition.

The Georgia Chamber supports increasing the level of Medicaid and Peach Care funding for healthcare providers so that these providers are fully reimbursed for the cost of the care provided and thus no losses are shifted to private payors, the business community or local governments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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George M. Israel, III
President and CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph T. Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joe Fleming
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