

August 28, 2010

The Honorable Beverly Perdue
Governor
The State of North Carolina
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Dear Governor Perdue:

Congratulations on North Carolina being selected for a Race to the Top grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The North Carolina Chamber applauds and supports your efforts to secure this critical education resource for our state and as such was pleased to endorse the state's application for these grants.

The North Carolina Chamber cannot stress enough the importance of investment in education programs that will position North Carolina at the front of the race for jobs and investment in the coming decades. We recognize, as you do, that North Carolina employers need a well-educated, well-trained talent pool to thrive and grow, and that our state needs the same to compete globally for jobs and investment!

I would also like to thank you for taking the time to speak to our members and guests recently at our Chamber's 2010 Education Summit. Your remarks were inspiring and enlightening.

Sincerely yours,



S. Lewis Ebert
President and CEO