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To: House Interstate Cooperation Committee Members
Howard Maxwell, Regulated Industries Chairman
Ron Stephens, Economic Development and Tourism Chairman

From: Representative Matt Dollar
Chairman, House Interstate Cooperation Committee

Date: September 8, 2016

Subject: Craft Beer and Distillery Industries

The House Interstate Cooperation Committee will be having a series of meetings to study the craft beer and distillery industries in Georgia and other states. The focus of these meetings will be to look the current laws and regulatory structures that govern these industries in Georgia, and look at how other states address them.

These are both fast growing industries, with a wealth of economic, job creation, and tourism potential. Yet, there is a sense Georgia is lagging in comparison to the rest of the region in growth of these industries. The committee will be looking at reasons for this apparent trend; and the unintended consequences states have seen from regulatory change and produce a report of its findings and any recommended actions to House and Senate for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Tentative meeting schedule is:

Atlanta	September 29	2:00 Capitol; 606 CLOB
Augusta	September 30	1:00 Augusta University and Medical College of Georgia
Columbus	October 26	2:00 Downtown Marriott
Savannah	November 17	3:00 TBD

More detailed meeting information will be sent to you closer to each meeting date.

This is an important and complicated subject matter and I hope you can attend.

*Due to the relevance of the topic, I will also be inviting the Chairmen of the House Regulated Industries and Economic Development and Tourism Committees to attend the meetings. Members of those committees are welcome to attend as well. But please notify my office if you plan to attend so we can plan meeting space accordingly.

cc: David Ralston, Speaker of the House
Clerk, House of Representatives
Legislative Counsel