**MEMORANDUM**

To: The Governor of the State of Georgia

From: Resident of the state of Georgia

Date: March 31, 2019

RE: **The State of Georgia structure and its economic and policies**

The purpose of this memo is to provide an illustration of some of the key aspects, which are important to the people of Georgia. It highlights the structure of the government, profile and economic condition of the state of Georgia, Budget Calendar, Fiscal policies, goal and objectives, and trends or forecast.

**Profile and economic condition**

The State of Georgia is bordered by Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, and the Atlantic Ocean. It has a total geographic area of 59,425 sq. It is projected that it has a population of more than 8,684,715. It is a diverse states with racial distribution of 65.8% whites, 25.3% blacks and 2.1 Asia and the rest other races. The unemployment rate in Georgia is high and it predicted that the unemployment rate is at 4.8% and therefore, affects the people of Georgia. The economy of the state of Georgia depends on the manufacturing industries located within the state. There are textiles, food and pulp, and paper companies and therefore, these companies play a critical role in the development of Georgia.

The growth domestic product (GDP) of Georgia is high of $531.302 Billion and it is the ninth largest state in terms of GDP. Its median income is estimated to be $26,994. Recently, it joined the free market and therefore, it is one of the states where the free market is practiced. The state is, therefore, expected to experience constant economic growth. The inflation of the state is also low and according to the recent consumer survey, Georgia inflation stands at 18% and therefore, it is the lowest inflation compared to other states. It is also important to point out that the people of Georgia are farmers. Economic activities, which the majority of people does are farming and business. It can, therefore, be stated that there are several economic activities, which the people of Georgia undertake.

**Organizational Structure**

The State government of Georgia is just the federal government of the United States. It composed of executive, legislative and judiciary. Interestingly, Georgia was first referred to as executive Georgia in 1777 and it has been functioning for several years. The executive branch of government is headed by the governor, who is elected by the people of Georgia after every four years. The governor is in charge of the daily running of the state and therefore, he is being held responsible by the people through legislatures. The governor of Georgia is like the president and therefore, he is in charge of policy formulation and efficient management of resources of the state.

The state of Georgia has a legislative assembly which operates like the Congress. It is controlled by the Georgia General Assembly. The Georgia Assembly is divided into two houses, which is the Senate and the house of representative. The main function of the general assembly is to make laws and hold the executive into accountable. Every member of the Georgia Assembly is elected directly by the people from districts to represent the interest of the people. The members of the assembly are also elected after a period of time and therefore, the governor office, the general assembly is political officers whose holders are required by the law to seek reelection after some time. They are also required to hold the law and serve the people diligently and therefore, they have high responsibilities.

The last branch of government is the judiciary, which is headed by the chief justice. The judiciary has six different branches with each branch having distinct jurisdiction. Georgia has six different courts with each court having a different authority of the law. It has two appellate courts, the court of appeal, and the Supreme Court, which is the highest court in Georgia. However, it is important to point out that Georgia is one of the states, which still has county governments and operates effectively to deliver services to the people.

The branches of government in Georgia therefore, work together to pursue the bigger interest of the people and this could be attributed to the successful achievement, which the country has achieved over the last years. For effective and accountability of the government, the judiciary, legislative and executive work together as check and balance to ensure that no branch violates the constitution.

**Fiscal Policies**

Georgia State has a 2020 fiscal policy, which is meant to realign, the growth and development of the country. The governor presented a total value of 207 billion for the fiscal year. The budget projected the growth of 3.2% and growth of revenue by about 10% to mean the projected budget. The budget also proposed a 2% merit payment increment to all teachers. It is also proposed an addition of $16.5 million addition into the lottery fund and an increase of $3,000 to Pre-Kindergarten and assistant teachers’ salaries. It is also important to point that during the fiscal year the government proposed to direct 143 million to revenue shortfall reserve (RSR). The important fiscal policy for the financial year 2018-2019 is based on the increment of revenue. The government of the State of Georgia is working to realign its revenue collection to increase it by almost 10% with a lot of focus to be put on industries and businesses within the state. It is also noted that the set-aside core services, which can be used during economic recessions. It has a saving account, which is equal Based on the fiscal year 2019 budget the governor intends to continue investing a good part of his revenue in bolstering some of the core areas of government. It is projected that these core areas would be helpful in increasing the revenue ports for the state. However, the saving revenue of the state is more than 10% of the revenue which is 2.55 billion and therefore, it means that the state has enough reserve, which can be used during an emergency.

**Budget calendar**

The budget calendar for the state of Georgia is always on July 1st, it was proposed by the governor of the state in January. In Georgia, the budget is prepared by the executive and then presented to the general assembly of Georgia where members of the assembly get the opportunity to discount and make necessary amendment to the budget. It is important to note that the budget. The budget of the state covers both the projected income and expenditure and therefore, the budget calendar is an important day in Georgia. The budget provides a clear roadmap of how the taxes or revenue would be collected and utilized by the government.

**Goals and Objective**

The core goal of the state of Georgia is to deliver services to the people. Its main focus is on better health care, better infrastructure, and economic improvement. Its objectives are to improve the living standard of the people of Georgia hence making every citizen to live comfortably. It is, therefore, evident that the state of Georgia has improved its infrastructure; realign its policy to increase the economic growth of its citizens.

**Trends and forecast**

The state of Georgia is known as a political powerhouse. In history, major demonstrations of the civil right movement occurred in Georgia. Martin Luther King’s and other icon activists used the state of Georgia to launch various political and civil right movements to push the government of the 1960s to amend the constitution. However, some of the most trends issues are related to economic, business, politics and other social issues. There have been several anti-racial demonstrations in Georgia and this shows how Georgia is still playing a major ground for several political discussions in the United States. There are also demonstrations about abortion, which is going on within the state. The demonstrations are staged against the abortion bill, which is pending in the assembly where the members of the general assembly would abolish the abortion in Georgia. The pro-choice demonstrate to send a message to the governor and lawmakers that the people have the right to make a choice. And therefore, abortion should not be illegalized in Georgia. However, other issues trending in Georgia are related to gun violence, economic growth of the state and gender disparity. The debate has been held on how to bridge the racial and gender disparity among the resident of Georgia.

**Summary**

The state of Georgia is one of the leading states in terms of diversity and economic growth. The stage of Georgia has a population of about 10 million and it is expected to grow over the next year because of the larger number of young people. It has a high GDP, low inflation rate and unemployment rate, which is a clear indication of good economic growth. The structure of the government of Georgia is a compost of executive, judiciary, and legislative. Each of the branches of government has the head and therefore, the head of the executive is the governor. The country is experiencing economic growth and of recent, it joined the free trade to become of the state enjoying free trade.