



**Energy Services Coalition: Georgia Chapter**  
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Members of the Council and guests:

Good afternoon, my name is Wesley Holmes and I am the Public Co-Chair with the Georgia Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition. Established in 2001, with more than 275 members and chapters in all 50 states, the Energy Services Coalition is a national collaborative of public, private and nonprofit organizations working to advance the use of energy savings performance contracting to support vital infrastructure investments that save money, reduce environmental impact and support economic development and resiliency in communities across the country. The Georgia Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition, represents 16 energy services companies and provides a unique forum in which all stakeholders can work together to address and overcome any barriers which are limiting the effective use of Energy Saving Performance Contracts. On behalf of the Georgia Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition, I am here to voice the Coalition's support for the proposed Commercial Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance.

According to the 2014 Georgia Clean Energy Census, Georgia's clean energy industry is comprised of 678 companies generating over \$2.9 billion in gross revenue annually, and supporting nearly 20,000 jobs in the state. Within the industry, firms working in building energy efficiency are the top employers in Georgia's clean energy sector, providing over 10,800 full-time jobs and generating \$1.3 billion in gross revenue per year.

The GA Chapter of Energy Services Coalition believes this ordinance will significantly increase consumer awareness of commercial energy management needs and help property owners and tenants to identify cost effective energy saving solutions that will support long term financial stability for the rate payer and increase the value and attractiveness of commercial property assets within the district. Concurrently these investments will drive demand for energy services and support the continued growth of Georgia's thriving clean energy sector; providing good paying, full time jobs to Georgia residents.

In summary, the Georgia Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition supports the proposed Commercial Building Energy Efficiency Ordinance and urges the Council to seize this opportunity to support the continued growth of Georgia's clean energy sector. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak here today.