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TO: The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia

FROM: Michael J. Register, Director of GBI 

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RE: Recommendation of GILEE Program

As you are aware, I recently completed a leadership development program with the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) from 4-19 June which was hosted by the Israel Police Commissioner LtG Kobi Shabtai. In my opinion the program was one of the best leadership experiences I have had in my professional career. This award-winning program, housed at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, has been enhancing the professional knowledge and the ability to synthesize key leadership concepts for senior police executives across the State of Georgia for over thirty years.

For the past thirty years, GILEE has provided a highly reputable professional leadership development program across the State of Georgia with over thirty States and Countries participating. Georgia is very blessed to have this prestigious program centered at Georgia State University. GILEE has made a significant impact improving law enforcement for Georgia and beyond, while strengthening the bond between the State of Israel and Georgia by forging personal relationships between senior law enforcement executives and innovative leaders.

I was proud to serve as the head of the delegation for this exchange which included the Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Public Safety Department, the Assistant Director of Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and several other police chiefs, sheriffs, and command staff members from across the State. These law enforcement leaders were given the opportunity to observe and to question their Israeli peers on best practices concerning operational methodologies meant to enhance community policing and improve homeland security. As a democracy with a multi-cultural society, the Israel National Police face unique challenges which helped our delegation better understand the complex relationship between police and society and demonstrated Israeli initiatives that could assist in better serving communities here in Georgia. The discussions that we had with our Israeli peers during the program I believe made each of us better leaders and more prepared. We found that effective law enforcement and community partnership transcends and impacts cultures globally in a positive manner.

GILEE is a tremendous asset for our State. Over the past thirty years, this organization has been improving leader development for senior law enforcement and enhancing our ability to keep our citizens safe. I'm proud to be a GILEE alumnus and hope that the states relationship with GILEE continues as we forge forward into the future.