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Dear Team Georgia Member,

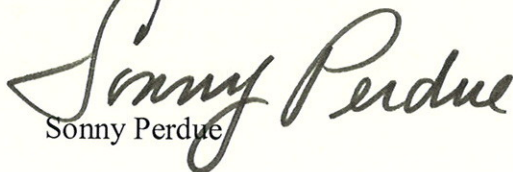
As we begin a new year together, I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank you for all the hard work, dedication and sacrifices you made during 2009. Your outstanding performance, willing attitude and exceptional customer service all contributed to the progress we made in state government during this past year.

While 2009 was dominated with news of Georgia's financial crisis and multi-million dollar budget shortfall due to the precipitous drop in state revenues, the media has missed the splendid job you have done in maintaining a superb level of service to our citizens. Across the state, families and employers, big and small, have cut back to make ends meet. In tough times, everyone must live within their means; and that goes for state government too. Together, you have accomplished this. Georgia's unprecedented financial challenges required us to operate the state's business with reduced resources and staff -- without compromising the quality of services we provide to the citizens of Georgia, and I am appreciative of the good work you have performed.

The state of our state's economic outlook for 2010 remains unclear. However, the state of our resolve and hope for our future are strong. We have already proven that tough times are also opportunities to showcase the state of our character and exhibit to our communities, our state and our nation who we are. We have the right people in place to conquer this storm and tackle future challenges. I am confident that by working smarter and working together, we can meet any challenge and come through this time of difficulty stronger than ever.

You have made me proud. It continues to be an honor to serve with all of you on Team Georgia.

Sincerely,


Sonny Perdue