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Tennessee Chamber Announces Support for Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Education Funding Plan

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Chamber and our state's business community are committed to ensuring that Tennessee's public schools perform at levels that will produce some of the most work-ready, highly-skilled, and competent students anywhere in the world. For years, the Chamber has maintained a steadfast commitment toward working to enhance our workforce by supporting a variety of initiatives that focus on a career-centered curriculum that ensures greater accountability and strong education standards. As Tennessee's largest statewide business and manufacturing trade association, we are proud to announce our support for the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) education funding plan. "After much analysis of the plan, and speaking with business leaders across the state, we are confident this is the right step for our education system," said Chamber President and CEO, Bradley Jackson. "In addition to providing a student-tailored and transparent K-12 school funding mechanism, TISA also provides new funding for strengthening career and technical (CTE) programming and a career centered emphasis that are extremely important to the Chamber's workforce/education efforts. We are confident TISA overwhelmingly passes the test in these areas that are crucial as employers work to address Tennessee's workforce demands."

"We commend Governor Bill Lee, Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson, and House Majority Leader William Lamberth for their bold leadership on this issue. Change is never easy, especially when Tennesseans' children are involved. We look forward to engaging with the legislature and other stakeholders on this important issue," added Jackson.

ABOUT THE TENNESSEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY: Founded in 1912, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Tennessee Manufacturers Association is Tennessee's most prominent statewide business and manufacturing trade association. With a commanding statewide presence of business leaders and local chambers of commerce throughout the Volunteer state, the Tennessee Chamber is a driving force for business policy and economic prosperity in Tennessee and is the official state affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the American Chemistry Council. For more information, visit www.tnchamber.org.