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The Honorable Matthew Gambill  
601-E Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg.  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Representative Gambill:

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As the challenges facing our nation are manifest in our communities, GMA supports a renewed focus on civics education in our educational system. It is important that the future leaders of our communities and state, our youth, understand and appreciate these challenges and how they as individuals and our system of government addresses them. We also believe that a renewed focus on civic education will benefit our local governments address the need to recruit and retain an educated and motivated workforce dedicated to the mission of Georgia's local governments.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. To further this work, GMA respectfully asks to be considered as a member of the Commission.

Sincerely,

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