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**STATEMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS HIGH TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON  
ON GOVERNOR ROMNEY'S ECONOMIC PLAN**

The economic improvement plan filed today by Governor Romney identifies two of the state's core competitive weaknesses– the costly unemployment insurance system and the glacial pace of the state and local permitting processes – and sets out to fix them. With employer UI costs twice that of competitor states and permitting timelines that last years instead of months, it is clear that these are major inhibitors to job growth and both deserve affirmative action by the state Legislature.

Reform in these areas, coupled with state investment in science and technology initiatives and incentives for companies to expand in state, will help Massachusetts maintain its competitive edge and create jobs. The CEO members of the High Technology Council look forward to working with Governor Romney and the Legislature in support of these initiatives that will strengthen the development of a technology-focused, long-term economic development plan for Massachusetts.

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