

MASSACHUSETTS  
**HIGHTECHNOLOGYCOUNCIL**

*Dedicated to Growth... Committed to Action*

Contact: Felix Browne  
781.890.6482 ext. 15  
[felix@mhtc.org](mailto:felix@mhtc.org)

**Mass High Tech Council President Chris Anderson's statement on S.2001  
(An Act Relative to Unemployment Insurance Reforms)  
February 6, 2014**

“Today, the Senate missed an opportunity to enact meaningful reforms that would have had a positive effect on job creation while sending an important and needed message of partnership to employers across the Commonwealth. In failing to address either of the main cost drivers of our state's second-highest-in-the-nation unemployment insurance system, Massachusetts will remain at a significant cost disadvantage relative to other states that are aggressively seeking to build high tech economies like ours.”

**NOTE:** The Mass High Tech Council supports the following changes to the state unemployment insurance system: bringing benefits duration to 26 weeks; and changing the workforce attachment requirement to 20 weeks. Please click [here](#) to read the Council's most recent memo laying out the case for reform.

###