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**Council Briefs Leaders on Recovery & Return to Work Framework
*Public Forum Follows Presentation to Governor's Reopening Advisory Board***

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Today, the **Massachusetts High Technology Council** hosted more than 200 business, civic and political leaders for an in-depth briefing on the Council's [Recovery and Return to Work Framework](#) designed to help restart the Commonwealth's economy while protecting the health and safety of Massachusetts residents and workers.

The framework, developed by a diverse team of Council members and partner organizations led by High Tech Council Executive Committee member Steve Pagliuca and informed by published insights and data from McKinsey & Company, was also presented by Pagliuca and Council staff to Governor Baker's Reopening Advisory Board on April 30.

"Recovering from the public health and economic effects of COVID-19 requires a united response from the private sector, government and academic and research institutions, as well as organizations like the High Tech Council that provide important connective tissue supporting collaboration across these sectors," said Pagliuca, Co-Chairman of Bain Capital and Co-Owner of the Boston Celtics.

The evolving Recovery and Return to Work Framework focuses on three main strategic areas:

- Segmentation and Sequencing
- Effective Therapeutics
- Reducing the Rate of Spread

On April 20, more than 30 C-level leaders from the diagnostic testing, life sciences, health care delivery and manufacturing sectors convened to review and contribute to the framework and validate a series of scientifically-based, growth-minded tenets critical to reignite the Commonwealth's economy in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.

“This framework and the Council’s ongoing Recovery and Return to Work Initiative present a unique opportunity for private sector leaders to collaborate and engage in partnerships with public officials to identify and advance the most impactful ideas and initiatives that will allow our economy to restart and empower individuals to return to work,” said Council President Chris Anderson.

The Council’s Recovery and Return to Work Initiative represents a strong public-private partnership model that draws on a deep bench of Massachusetts-based subject matter experts. The intent of the plan and the overall effort is to support Governor Baker’s efforts, including his partnership with governors from the Northeast, and inform Congressional decisionmakers and Massachusetts legislative leaders on workplace safety, economic development and stimulus, public investment, taxation and other key policies.

As importantly, the Recovery and Return to Work Initiative will provide business leaders and innovation economy employers with peer-validated and timely information needed to help them restart operations and return to work safely and successfully.

By leveraging the Council’s CEO-level network, our team of subject matter experts and contributors will help to identify the specific conditions that must be in place to allow for restart and encourage individuals to engage in economic activity.

About the Massachusetts High Technology Council – www.mhtc.org

The Massachusetts High Technology Council, Inc. is an organization of CEOs and senior executives representing technology companies, professional services firms, and research institutions who are dedicated to creating and sustaining conditions that support investment, job growth and improved quality of life in Massachusetts. Our members are growth-oriented, knowledge-intensive employers and institutions that develop, deliver and depend on technology products, services and innovations to advance their organizational objectives—a definition which covers just about all business enterprises in Massachusetts today.

The Council advocates for the high technology economy in Massachusetts by providing members with opportunities to connect with peers, and by facilitating cooperative relationships and results-focused strategies among senior leaders from industry, finance, academia and government.

Our mission is simple: to help make Massachusetts the world’s most attractive place in which to live and work, and in which to create, operate, and grow high technology businesses.

Founded in 1977, the Council has consistently led the development and implementation of strategies that impact the most important state, local and federal policy issues facing technology-focused organizations. The Council’s lean-by-design staffing model ensures we are focused on policy issues that are most critical to CEOs and senior executives.

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