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Dear Chamber Member,

Earlier today, the White House announced plans for Pittsburgh Summit 2009, a meeting of the "Group of 20" (G20) heads of state at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center on September 24-25, 2009. It is fair to say that this event will put an unprecedented global spotlight on our region.

Our region's story of economic and environmental renewal makes Pittsburgh the perfect place to hold such a conference. Our global strengths in advanced manufacturing, energy solutions, financial services, information technology, and life sciences play to the Summit's likely areas of focus. Our economy, despite the global recession, is outperforming that of the nation as a whole.

We are working closely with the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and VisitPittsburgh to coordinate our communications and to begin planning for the event. We will keep you informed as further details become available. We may need your help in a variety of ways to make the most of this opportunity for our region.

If you have comments, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Dennis Yablonsky

Chief Executive Officer