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**Louisiana's Open Investment Policy Statement**

Throughout our history, Louisiana has provided a welcoming environment to global businesses and their investments from overseas. In recent years, we have sustained and strengthened our focus on foreign direct investment and the very tangible benefits it brings to Louisiana.

This open-door approach coincides with Louisiana's rich natural resources and world-class infrastructure to produce remarkable results. Since 2003, we have attracted 145 international projects representing \$42.9 billion in Foreign Direct Investment to our state. Associated with this extraordinary investment are 74,300 FDI-related jobs for the people of Louisiana.

We affirm that an open policy supporting international investment means Louisiana is stronger because of this crucial contribution to our economy. We thank Royal Dutch Shell and its Shell Chemicals subsidiary for hosting an event recognizing FDI's importance. The company is now completing a more than \$700 million capital investment that will make the Shell Chemicals site in Geismar, Louisiana, the world's largest single-site producer of an important class of intermediate chemicals, linear alpha olefins.

Because of the commitments by companies like Shell, Louisiana ranks No. 4 overall among U.S. states for the greatest attraction of Foreign Direct Investment since 2003. Our average of \$296 million per international investment ranks Louisiana No. 1 during this period, and we rank as the No. 1 FDI state on a per capita basis.

Louisiana is committed to providing fair and equitable treatment to all investors under the law, and we support the efforts of businesses to invest, thrive and create job opportunities here. We offer a highly skilled workforce, the most productive manufacturing workforce in the U.S., and a strong business climate.

Promoting foreign direct investment within our state and supporting Louisiana exports abroad is a cornerstone of our economic development policy. Our efforts are bringing added prosperity to families and communities across the state. As Governor, I am proud of our efforts to encourage investment from global companies, and I reaffirm Louisiana's commitment to provide a welcoming environment for foreign direct investment.

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