2020 Georgia Policy & State Legislative Agenda

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
Continue funding the Department of Education to advance Georgia Bio's Rural Teacher Training Initiative to strengthen Georgia's life sciences workforce pipeline through classroom-to-career initiatives that align with industry needs.

**ECONOMIC INCENTIVES & TAX REFORM**
Preserve existing economic development incentives and enact new tax policies that spur the life science industry and job growth.

**TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**
Support funding for the Georgia Research Alliance to levels necessary to spur bioscience innovations and commercialization through our research universities; strategically improve funding for post-secondary institutions in order to grow the state's life science economy.

**PATIENT ACCESS**
Ensure patient access to innovative therapies and adequate provider networks through private and public insurance, including Medicaid, while enhancing plan transparency and encouraging competition among providers and insurers.

**BIOPHARMA**
Cultivate the biopharma R&D and manufacturing ecosystem in Georgia by supporting strong intellectual property protections for patents, data protection, and coverage and payment policies that recognize the value of medical innovation.

**MEDTECH**
Support investment, innovation and patient access to medical device and diagnostic technologies to improve the efficiency of a healthcare system's ability to detect diseases earlier and to reduce costs through more effective treatments.

**DIGITAL HEALTH**
Streamline regulations and expand the reimbursement of digital apps and devices, remote patient monitoring technologies, and genomics products, as well as enhance educational efforts that help patients, providers, and caregivers.

**FOOD & AGRICULTURE / INDUSTRIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECH**
Support the R&D of cutting-edge innovation in Agricultural & Food and Industrial & Environmental biotechnology to improve crop yields, enhance food quality, help feed a growing population, and foster responsible environmental biotech practices.