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2010 Innovations in Government Conference **Monday, December 6, 2010**

Free Registration This Year!

(for state government employees)

Registration: www.thomasjeffersoninst.org

Dear Virginia Government & Industry Official:

Government is changing! Governor McDonnell's government reform efforts are moving forward and much more is due to come. We want you to know about these changes and to help craft future changes.

You are invited to the "**2010 Innovations in Government Conference**" scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2010 at the Capitol Building in House Room 3. This year's annual conference is once again hosted by the state's premier public policy foundation, the Thomas Jefferson Institute. Joining the Jefferson Institute as co-sponsors are the Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring, Deloitte, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and two nationally recognized "government reform" leaders -- the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and the Reason Foundation of Los Angeles.

The theme of this year's program is "***The Government Reform Commission: update/input/ideas/discussion***" and brings together key leaders from this effort for you to listen to and provide ideas and suggestions. We will review where the Governor's Reform Commission has been and where it is headed. This is your chance to have a real say in the future of our government, what it does and how it does it, and how it could be reformed and restructured. This conference should not be missed. These conferences have brought between 75 and 100 key government leaders together to discuss important issues and the comments have been very supportive.

This conference is once again aimed at those who are the decision makers in government; those who make government actually work; and those who will actually change government.

Our "kick off" speaker will be the Governor's Senior Advisor for Policy, Eric Finkbeiner. Then we will hear from the Chairmen of two of the Reform Commission's committee chairs, Delegate Glenn Oder who chairs Simplification and Operation and John "Dubby" Wynne of Intergovernmental Relations.

At lunch we will spend some time with one of the most knowledgeable folks on our state government, former Chief of Staff Bill Leighty. He is also one of the two Special Advisors to the

Reform Commission. He will give us his perspective on the need to “update and modernize” state government. And he would like to know your thoughts as well.

Following lunch we’ll hear from Senator Mark Obenshain about the work of the Customer Service and Transparency Committee and Ron Tillett, former Secretary of Finance and Chair of the Shared Services Committee.

This year’s Innovations in Government Conference is geared to give you an update on what our Governor’s reform efforts have accomplished to date and where his Reform Commission is headed.

Any Reform Agenda that succeeds needs the input, cooperation and support from those in government who will be actually executing the new direction. That’s you and your colleagues and we hope you will join us Monday, December 6th. Too often conferences like this do not leave enough time for serious “drilling down” on the issues and making serious suggestions and recommendations. We have designed this conference so that there is dedicated time for your ideas and suggestions. It is the discussion and question and answer periods that will bring these ideas into sharper focus.

Please make plans to attend this important conference and register today by going to our website: www.thomasjeffersoninst.org and filling in the registration form.

If you are a government employee there is no registration fee. All others will need to pay \$25.00. We hope you will come to this important conference to discuss the work of Governor McDonnell’s Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring. Your input is needed.

Time is short so please register promptly. We want you to join us on December 6th in Richmond.

I look forward to seeing you at this conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Michael W. Thompson
Chairman and President