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BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
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Mike Cusato
Kalo Foods
119 Carlton Park Drive
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Dear Mike:

Earlier this month, *Site Selection* magazine ranked North Carolina as having the best business climate in America. We are proud of this ranking and want to thank you for helping make it possible through your commitment to North Carolina and the investments you have made here.

Over the past four years, North Carolina, like most states, has confronted challenges, but we have made exceptional progress. Over 1,900 companies have located and expanded in our borders, adding over 110,000 jobs and \$25 billion in new investment. Thousands of families from across the United States continue to move here each year because we promise them a bright future and a place to thrive.

None of that happened by accident. It happened because we made critical investments over several decades in public education, producing a top-quality workforce. It happened because we have historically kept costs of doing business low, and maintained and enhanced our state infrastructure. And it happened because we have fostered innovative new businesses and built partnerships to keep existing industries strong.

For the past four years, it has been our privilege to serve you and the people of this state. We wish you the greatest success in your ventures in the years ahead. If we can assist in any way as you grow, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Beverly Eaves Perdue in black ink.

Beverly Eaves Perdue

Handwritten signature of J. Keith Crisco in black ink.

J. Keith Crisco
Secretary, NC Department of Commerce