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# *Message from the President*

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Dear Business Leader,

Today, we live in a world overflowing with innovative and ever-changing technology. We see this as an opportunity for Illinois' advancement. The Illinois Chamber of Commerce has launched its Technology and Innovation Council to keep you informed and to be part of the conversation in the development of sound public policy.

The council's co-chairs are President and CEO Krishna Bansal at Q1 Technologies, Inc., and Manager of State Policy Dan Sachs at Facebook. Tyler Diers, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce's director of legislative relations will be staffing the council, which had its inaugural meeting on Jan. 25 and will continue to meet to discuss the hottest issues facing the technology sector.



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*Co-Chair Krishna Bansal*

*Co-Chair Dan Sachs*

Within the last year, the Illinois General Assembly has seen a high amount of introduced regulations aimed at engineering an expansion of liability in the areas of privacy and data security. Because of this, the council seeks to aggressively and proactively promote the interests of the Illinois technology community by advocating for public policy that fosters innovation and promotes economic growth. The mission: Keep Illinois as a nationwide leader in technology innovation.

For utmost success, the council is guided by the below six policy principles:

- **Avoid overregulation and taxation that will hold Illinois back from being an innovation leader.**
- **Support innovators' access to the capital they need to grow.**
- **Promote workforce development policies to create the talent pool that is essential to success.**
- **Balance consumers' privacy needs with the convenience and productivity offered by modern technology.**
- **Advocate for world-class technology infrastructure in Illinois.**
- **Acknowledge that with data moving into the cloud and the digital economy expanding, cybersecurity is now one of the most critical issues facing the nation.**

We look forward to continuing to lead the way in technology innovation and promoting the economic growth of Illinois. For more information on the

Technology and Innovation Council, please contact director of legislative relations and council lead Tyler Diers at [tdiers@ilchamber.org](mailto:tdiers@ilchamber.org).

Sincerely,

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