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1 **Relating to:** urging mitigation of economic warfare among the states.

2 Whereas, targeted business incentive programs have proliferated into a
3 counterproductive economic war among the states and now form the cornerstone of
4 state-sponsored “economic development” policies; and

5 Whereas, these programs fail to promote healthy and equitable statewide
6 economic growth and, in reality, result in states engaging in economic warfare by
7 encouraging businesses to move, both within and between states, with no significant
8 economic benefit in the aggregate; and

9 Whereas, America’s future in the global economy depends on its educational,
10 industrial, technological and research capabilities throughout the 50 states; and

11 Whereas, discontinuation of wasteful programs can be achieved through a
12 combination of new state and federal policies; and

13 Whereas, states would be better off providing a high quality educational system
14 designed to produce an adequately trained and ready work force, support for
15 research and development, a high-quality transportation system and other
16 high-quality traditional government services; and

