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Greetings:

As the 61st Mayor of Atlanta, I am honored to welcome the Southern Regional Council of Carpenters and all participants to Atlanta for the **2026 Hands-On Combine**.

This event celebrates the craftsmanship, discipline, and dedication that help build our communities. By bringing together aspiring professionals and experienced tradespeople in interior systems, scaffolding, and finish carpentry, the Combine provides a valuable opportunity to demonstrate talent, develop skills, and pursue meaningful careers.

I commend the men and women participating in this event for investing in their futures. Whether you are a recent graduate, a military veteran transitioning to civilian life, or an experienced professional seeking a new opportunity, your commitment to mastering your craft strengthens our workforce and our communities.

A thriving city depends on a skilled workforce. Union apprenticeships and hands-on training create pathways to careers that offer competitive wages, valuable benefits, and opportunities for advancement. I applaud the Southern Regional Council of Carpenters for connecting people with the training, credentials, and experience needed to succeed while earning a living.

Atlanta's continued growth must create opportunities for the people who call our city home. Your investment in the next generation of carpenters and millwrights supports that vision and helps build a stronger future for our region.

On behalf of the City of Atlanta, thank you for choosing our city for this important gathering. Please accept my best wishes for a successful Combine and continued achievement in your careers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Dickens", written in a cursive style.

Mayor Andre Dickens