MR. ARGUELLO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INSIGHTFUL REMARKS ON THE EFFECTS OF THE CREATIVE DIGITAL INDUSTRY.

AND LET ME THANK ALL OF OUR SPEAKERS FOR SHARING YOUR INSIGHTS INTO HOW TECHNOLOGY IS HELPING TO TRANSFORM OUR CITIES.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL, AND YOU ALL DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

LET ME START BY SAYING HOW HONORED AND PLEASED I AM BY THE ENERGY AND OUTCOME OF THIS SUMMIT.

WHEN I MENTIONED THIS MORNING HOW "MAYORS RULE THE WORLD..."

YOU HAVE ALL SHOWN THAT THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP, CREATIVITY, AND INNOVATION...

WE ARE ALL TRANSFORMING OUR CITIES, AND INDEED THE WORLD.

AS WE FINISH THIS SUMMIT, I WANT TO SHARE SOME “GOOD NEWS” EXAMPLES OF WHAT IS BEING WORKED ON AND DEVELOPED BY MANY OF YOU IN THIS ROOM.

MAYORS ARE GREAT INNOVATORS – BUT WE ARE ALSO GREAT “BORROWERS.”

WHEN WE SEE SOMETHING WE LIKE, AND IT WORKS, WE SHOULD USE IT IN OUR OWN CITIES.

SO LET ME TAKE THE TIME TO CELEBRATE THE INGENUITY AND CREATIVITY OF MAYORS.

MAYOR MACRI IN BUENOS AIRES HAS TAKEN AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO MOBILITY BY EXPANDING THE POPULAR AND ACCLAIMED BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM, ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE, MOBILITY AND EASE OF DOING BUSINESS.

THE NEW METROBUS SUR WILL SERVICE 250,000 PASSENGERS, AND WILL REDUCE COMMUTE TIMES BY ABOUT 20 PERCENT.

MAYOR TAYLOR JUST NORTH OF US IN PALM BEACH, FLORIDA IS LEADING THE WAY IN TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION…

AND THE INNOVATIVE INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT PALM BEACH SCHOOLS ALLOWS STUDENTS TO PURSUE A RIGOROUS...

AND TECHNOLOGY FOCUSED EDUCATION PATHWAY, PREPARING THEM FOR THE FUTURE WORKFORCE.

IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, MAYOR GARCIA'S CREATIVE DIGITAL CITY, AN INVESTMENT IN THE VISUAL ARTS AND MULTIMEDIA INDUSTRIES...

IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT AN ADDITIONAL $10 BILLION IN INVESTMENT OVER THE COMING YEARS, DEVELOP 20,000 JOBS, AND ATTRACT MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES TO HIS CITY.

MAYOR TOHA IN SANTIAGO, CHILE IS ATTRACTING EARLY STAGE, HIGH-POTENTIAL ENTREPRENEURS TO BOOTSTRAP THEIR STARTUPS IN CHILE, USING IT AS A PLATFORM TO GO GLOBAL.

THE END GOAL OF THE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM IS TO CONVERT CHILE INTO AN ENTREPRENEURIAL HUB OF LATIN AMERICA.

MAYOR BOTELLA IN MADRID HELPED CREATE NEW MARKETS, REDUCED THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS, AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE, WITH A PLAN TO DIVERSIFY RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTIONS...

THEY FOUND AND FUNDED THE BEST WAYS TO HARVEST UNDERGROUND POWER, SUCH AS WASTED HEAT GENERATED BY THE CITY'S BELOW-GROUND INFRASTRUCTURE

IN BARRANQUILLA, MEXICO, MAYOR NOGUERA HAS TURNED IT INTO A CENTER FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT...

SAYING THAT "WE HAVE TO BECOME A GOVERNMENT THAT CREATES THE RIGHT CONDITIONS FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS, SO THAT THE PRODUCTIVE SECTOR IS THE ONE THAT GENERATES EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE."

MAYOR ARZU FORM GUATEMALA CITY HAS MODERNIZED GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT AND MIGRATED CITY FINANCE AND BUDGET MANAGEMENT TO A DIGITAL PLATFORM.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN IMPROVEMENTS TO COLLECTIONS, SERVICES, AND CITIZEN CARE.

MAYOR BROWN BURKE IN KINGSTON IS EXPEDITING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE REGION...

AND HAS CUT THE PROCESSING TIME FOR BUILDING APPLICATIONS, CUT BACKLOGS FROM 1000 TO 85...

HELPING SPUR ADDITIONAL GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH JOBS, AND MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY

AND IN BARCELONA, SPAIN, VICE MAYOR VIVES WHO IS WITH US TODAY, THEY LAUNCHED A CITY-WIDE "TRUST NETWORK" TO TAKE CARE OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS.

I KNOW I MISSED SOME OF YOU, AND I COULD GO ON AND ON...

BUT THE POINT HERE IS THAT ARE USING INNOVATION TO SOLVE THE ISSUES THAT OUR PEOPLE FACE.

HERE IN MIAMI, I AM PROUD TO BE KNOWN AS A TECH MAYOR.

EARLY ON IN MY ADMINISTRATION, WE MADE AN INVESTMENT IN A TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATOR CALLED VENTURE HIVE.

WE SUPPORTED THEIR INITIATIVE TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN TECH ENTREPRENEURS.

VENTURE HIVE HAS ALREADY BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RELOCATION OF MORE THAN 20 STARTUPS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE...

AND IS CHANGING THE WAY THE WORLD VIEWS SOUTH FLORIDA AS THE NEXT GREAT TECH HUB.

WELL, JUST YESTERDAY, MICROSOFT ANNOUNCED THE FIRST EVER MICROSOFT INNOVATION CENTER IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE LAUNCHED HERE, AT VENTURE HIVE, IN MIAMI.

WE'RE ALSO WORKING TOGETHER WITH IBM, WE ARE EXPANDING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOVERNMENT...

IN EFFECT LAUNCHING WHAT I HAVE CALLED "2.5 MILLION MAYORS..."

AND SPEAKING OF SMART CITIES...

JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, MAYOR TRIAS OF BARCELONA WAS IN MY OFFICE...

AND WE SIGNED A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND BARCELONA TO BOOST COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COMMUNITIES.

AND I THINK THIS IS WHAT WE NEED MORE OF.

MAYORS, WE UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER.

AND NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE, WE CAN ALL LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER.

SO LET US CONNECT – COOPERATE – INNOVATE TOGETHER.

LET US REACH OUT TO ONE ANOTHER...

AND WORK TOGETHER TO UNLEASH THAT CREATIVITY THAT LIES IN HUMANITY'S GREATEST INVENTION – THE CITY.

ONCE AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR CITIES!