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## **GOVERNOR HASLAM, COMMISSIONER ROLFE ANNOUNCE GAP INC. TO EXPAND IN GALLATIN**

*Global retailer to create more than 500 new jobs*

**NASHVILLE** – Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Gap Inc. officials announced today that the global retailer will create more than 500 jobs at the company's distribution center in Sumner County.

Gap Inc. is investing approximately \$41.7 million in its Gallatin distribution campus on Gap Boulevard. The new capital investment will go into technology upgrades as Gap Inc. expands its online fulfillment capabilities in Sumner County.

"Gap Inc.'s latest commitment to create more than 500 new jobs is yet another confirmation that Tennessee's central location and skilled workforce make it the ideal place for global companies to operate major distribution facilities," Haslam said. "Gap Inc. has long been a crucial part of Sumner County and this significant expansion brings us closer to our goal of making Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs."

"The long-term health of Tennessee's economy depends on investments and job creation from our existing businesses such as Gap Inc.," Rolfe said. "Gap Inc.'s third major investment in Sumner County over the past four years is a strong vote of confidence in Tennessee's advantages for doing business. We'd like to thank Gap Inc. for its commitment to create more jobs in Sumner County and look forward to its continued role in the strength of Tennessee's economy."

Gap Inc. is one of the largest employers in Sumner County, operating more than 2.8 million square feet of distribution space as part of the company's North American network of distribution centers.

"We've been proud members of the Sumner County community for over 20 years and our Gallatin team members are some of the best in the business," Shawn Curran, Executive Vice President of Global Supply Chain at Gap Inc., said. "The Gallatin distribution campus continues to be a key strategic location for growth and opportunity. Its central location and access to a strong labor force are key for continued investment in Tennessee. We pride ourselves on a deep level of commitment to our employees, customers and to the communities where we live and work, and look forward to many years of continued growth."



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In July 2016, the retailer announced a \$3.1 million investment in Gallatin to meet growing demand for e-commerce sales on Gap Inc.'s brand websites.

Headquartered in San Francisco, Gap Inc. is a leading global retailer offering clothing, accessories and personal care products for men, women and children under the Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy, Athleta, Intermix and Weddington Way brands. Gap Inc. products are available for purchase in more than 90 countries worldwide through about 3,200 company-operated stores, about 450 franchise stores, and e-commerce sites.

Local officials and the Tennessee Valley Authority applauded Gap Inc. for its planned expansion in Gallatin.

"We're honored that Gap Inc. chose Gallatin 21 years ago and that it continues to expand here," Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown said. "Our city is fortunate to have a strong manufacturing and industrial community with Gap Inc. as one of its leaders. Gap Inc.'s latest investment here helps us send the message to other companies that Gallatin is worth consideration."

"Gap Inc.'s steady growth shows its long-term commitment to Gallatin," James Fenton, executive director of the Gallatin Economic Development Agency, said. "We appreciate Gap Inc.'s continued confidence that we can meet its workforce needs."

"TVA and the Gallatin Department of Electricity congratulate Gap Inc. on its plans to invest and expand operations in Gallatin," TVA Senior Vice President of Economic Development John Bradley said. "We are pleased to partner with Gallatin Economic Development Agency, the State of Tennessee, the City of Gallatin and Sumner County Officials to help existing employers like Gap Inc. continue to add quality jobs in the Gallatin and Sumner County community."

Gallatin and Sumner County are represented in the Tennessee General Assembly by Sen. Ferrell Haile (R – Gallatin), Rep. William Lamberth (R – Cottontown), Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver (R – Lancaster) and Rep. Courtney Rogers (R – Goodlettsville).

## **About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development**

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