

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 17, 2018

The Honorable Dan Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Administrator Elwell:


We write to you in support of Camden County and their application for a Launch Site Operator's License through the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Commercial Space Transportation. This project is important to the economic future of coastal Georgia and represents an excellent opportunity to augment America's space launch capability. By leveraging the Southeast's dynamic high-technology industry and cutting-edge research, Spaceport Camden will serve as a catalyst for continued American leadership in aerospace development and spaceflight technology.

As the only exclusively non-federal range on the east coast, Spaceport Camden will advance a key tenet of the National Space Strategy by providing additional launch capacity for the commercial space industry. In 2017, the United States led the world in commercial space launches, and the record-setting pace of commercial spaceflight growth is expected to accelerate in coming years. Spaceport Camden will play a crucial role in supporting that growth, as its location within the Southeastern Aerospace Corridor will provide convenient access for spaceport users and the industries that support them. Additionally, Spaceport Camden's relatively low latitude and Atlantic Ocean range will allow orbital launches to take advantage of Earth's rotational velocity and avoid overflight of politically sensitive areas.

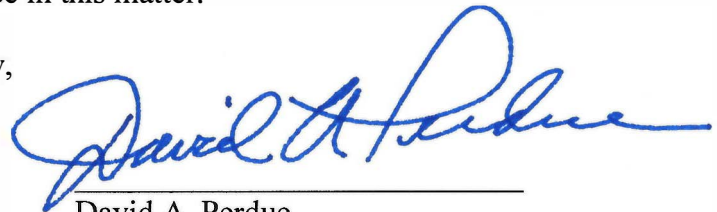
As the Federal Aviation Administration works to finalize the Environmental Impact Statement for Spaceport Camden and evaluate its application for a Launch Site Operator's License, we also encourage the FAA to avoid any unnecessary procedural delay. Projects like this are vital to securing America's future in space.

In respect for your established policies and procedures, we ask that you give Camden County full consideration of their application for a Launch Site Operator's License. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if we can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Johnny Isakson
United States Senator



David A. Perdue
United States Senator