



## NEWT GINGRICH

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Camden County Board of Commissioners  
200 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Woodbine, GA 31569

Subject: Support for Spaceport Camden

Dear Commissioners:

It was with great excitement that I recently learned of your county's efforts to create a launch site and spaceport in Camden County called Spaceport Camden. While in Congress, it was my distinct pleasure to work with the nascent commercial space industry on favorable legal structures and regulatory practices to promote the growth of this incredibly important industry.

I have always believed that Georgia should actively pursue today's \$300+ billion commercial space industry, including by promoting a coastal-area site for launching satellites and humans on commercial missions. I congratulate you on the leadership you have shown by taking this initial step to establish Spaceport Camden.

Although Georgia has an incredibly robust aviation industry, the space-focused sector in Georgia lags behind other states such as Florida, Texas, Virginia, California and Alabama. And although Georgia graduates hundreds of aerospace-related engineers each year, its investment in talent too often leaves the state for greener pastures. Additionally, talented and well-qualified engineers and technicians from Submarine Base Kings Bay and other military installations across the state transition out of the service every year. Many want to stay in Georgia, but frequently the opportunities are not there for them.

Spaceport Camden may begin to help reverse that trend by creating high-paying technical jobs in Camden County, surrounding counties, and the Georgia coast.

Thank you again for your leadership in creating Spaceport Camden. Please know that you have my support in these endeavors

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Newt".

Newt Gingrich