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Governor Deal and Lt. Governor Cagle Urge FAA Support for Spaceport Camden

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – June 28, 2018 – On the heels of two letters of support signed by every member of the Georgia Congressional delegation, Georgia’s highest constitutional officers have also signaled their support for the project. In separate letters of support to Acting FAA Administrator, Dan Elwell, Governor Nathan Deal and Lt. Governor Casey Cagle both touted the benefits Spaceport Camden will offer the State of Georgia and commercial space operators.

“The Spaceport Camden project utilizes Georgia’s high-technology industry and cutting-edge research capabilities, bringing significant economic opportunities to coastal Georgia as the space industry continues its growth,” Governor Deal stated in his letter. Today, Georgia commands just 1/10 of 1% of global space economy, a market that Bank of America Merrill Lynch has projected to grow to \$2.7 trillion over the next 30 years.

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle echoed Governor Deals sentiments, noting “Camden is the ideal region for space vehicle manufacturing due to its location...[and] also offers a launch range that is virtually unrestricted for the launch of spacecrafts to a wide range of orbits” Cagle further noted the regional benefits Spaceport Camden offers neighboring states stating “[t]his Spaceport not only opens up the door for economic growth in our state, but puts the Southeast on the cutting edge of scientific development.”

Spaceport Camden, coupled with NASA’s presence in Alabama and Florida and Georgia’s expertise in aerospace engineering and manufacturing, has the potential to put coastal Georgia at the epicenter of a new space corridor in the Southeast.

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“We couldn’t be more excited about the momentum we have for this project,” said Camden County Administrator and Spaceport Project Lead, Steve Howard. “Commercial Space Operators are taking note of the favorable business climate and overwhelming political support for space exploration in Georgia. We are already receiving significant interest from companies looking to locate their operations in Camden,” added Howard.

Camden County plans to formally submit its launch site operator license application to the FAA, in the next few months. This application will trigger a 180-day “shot clock” for a final decision on the issuance of the launch site operator’s license.

More about Spaceport Camden: Our Vision is to develop a successful world class spaceport through a public-private partnership that establishes Camden County as the Commercial Space Center of the United States. Our Mission is to create the premier spaceport strategically positioned to provide economic diversity with a competitive advantage for the space sector, Camden County, the State of Georgia and the United States of America. For more information, please view our website at www.SpaceportCamden.us.

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STATE OF GEORGIA
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Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2018

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

Dear Administrator Elwell,

I write you in support of Camden County's application for a Launch Site Operator's license under the Office of Commercial Space Transportation. Please find an enclosed letter of support from Georgia's Congressional delegation. The Spaceport Camden project utilizes Georgia's high-technology industry and cutting-edge research capabilities, bringing significant economic opportunities to coastal Georgia as the space industry continues its growth.

Spaceport Camden will serve as the sole non-federal range on the East Coast and will be an integral component of the National Space Strategy by providing additional launch capacity for the commercial space industry. As the commercial space industry continues to grow, projects such as this can ensure that American companies remain leaders in space technology. Additionally, Spaceport Camden's relatively low latitude and Atlantic Ocean range provides an ideal site to meet the needs of East Coast spaceport operators.

We look forward to working with the Federal Aviation Administration as they proceed to finalize the Environmental Impact Statement for Spaceport Camden and evaluate its application for a Launch Site Operator's license.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

Governor Nathan Deal

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 18, 2018

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

Dear Administrator Elwell:

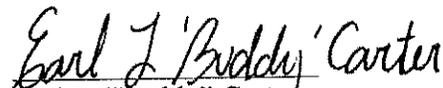
We write in support of Camden County's application for a Launch Site Operator's License under the Office of Commercial Space Transportation. The Spaceport Camden project is extremely important to the economic future of coastal Georgia and marks the beginning of an excellent opportunity to leverage the research and expertise present in the region.

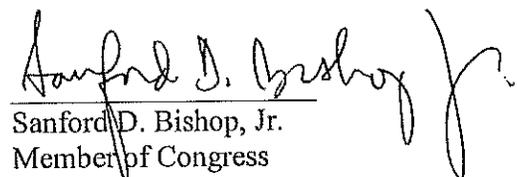
Spaceport Camden would be the only non-federal range on the East Coast and a major component of the National Space Strategy by providing additional launch capacity for the commercial space industry. As the needs of commercial space continue to grow, development of projects such as this can ensure American companies remain world leaders in space technology. Spaceport Camden, through its location and latitude, provides a unique site to meet the needs of East Coast spaceport users.

Space Policy Directive 2, which was released in May, set aside new policies for the Secretary of Transportation to release a new regulatory system for managing launch and re-entry activity. As the FAA works to finalize the Environmental Impact Statement for Spaceport Camden and begins its review of Camden's application for a Launch Site Operator's License, we look forward to working with the FAA to empower local communities to build upon the commercial space work being done across the country.

Thank you for your commitment to promoting commercial space needs and for your consideration of this important project. We look forward to working with you on this and future projects.

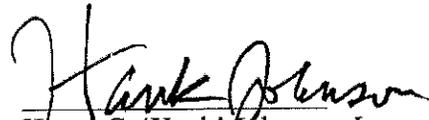
Sincerely,


Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress

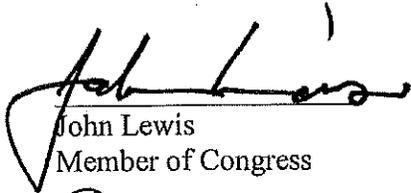

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Member of Congress



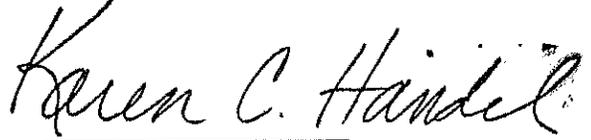
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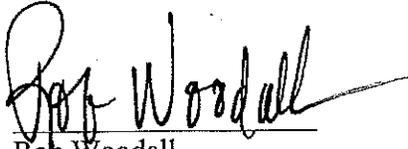
Henry C. 'Hank' Johnson, Jr.
Member of Congress



John Lewis
Member of Congress



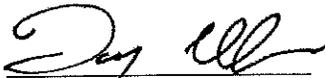
Karen Handel
Member of Congress



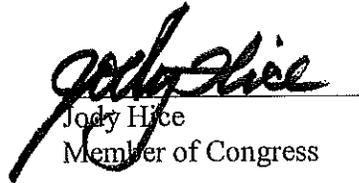
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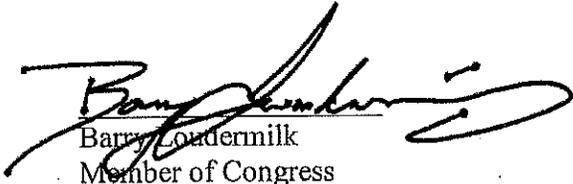
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CASEY CAGLE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

June 22, 2018

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

Dear Administrator Elwell:

I write in support of Camden County's application for a Launch Site Operator's License under the Office of Commercial Space Transportation. I believe the Camden Spaceport project will prove important to the continuation of future space advancements for our nation. This Spaceport not only opens up the door for economic growth for our state, but puts the Southeast on the cutting edge of scientific development.

Camden is the ideal region for space vehicle manufacturing due to its location, which was once a rocket testing facility. Camden County also offers a launch range that is virtually unrestricted for the launch of spacecrafts to a wide range of orbits, providing additional access for all East Coast spaceport users. With the approval of this license, Camden County will have an influx of launch companies coming to do business, such as those that manufacture and maintain satellites. This development will have a tremendous impact on our state and surrounding states.

Thank you for your consideration of this project as we work to advance our nations space industry.

Sincerely,


Casey Cagle
Lt. Governor