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

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress