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JAMES H. LUCAS
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

April 2, 2015

Mr. Robert M. Hitt, III
Secretary of Commerce
South Carolina Department of Commerce
1201 Main Street, Suite 1600
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Secretary Hitt:

It is gratifying to know that South Carolina's pro-business friendly environment continues to lead to major economic development for the people of our State. As evidence of that, you have recently informed me that Project Soter is considering locating a new automobile manufacturing facility in Berkeley County. This significant economic investment is expected to create 2,500 new jobs and invest \$600 million in the Palmetto State. I am sincerely appreciative of these efforts to attract this major new industry to our State.

I understand that the State will need to initiate the approval process for the issuance of economic development bonds to meet Project Soter's infrastructure needs and solidify the project's investment in South Carolina. As Speaker, I prioritize job creation through economic growth and am fully supportive of the issuance of these bonds.

Please let me know if you need any further assistance in relation to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Lucas", written over a printed name and title.

James H. "Jay" Lucas
Speaker of the House

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