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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

And

The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.
President Pro Tempore
Chairman of the Senator Finance Committee
111 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley and Senator Leatherman,

I represent the Trident CEO Council, a group of executives from the Tri-County Region employing in excess of 10,000 associates in the local community advocating a culture to **STAND FOR PROGRESS** in our Lowcountry Region.

We would like to state that our Council **STANDS FOR SC AERONAUTICAL TRAINING CENTER**. We will not get into the "how" of the funding, but we will strongly endorse the need for building the Aeronautical Training Center on the Trident Tech Campus. Two of our core beliefs are "Advocating Quality Economic Development & Growth" and "Actively Supporting Workforce Education & Development." This new Aeronautical Center helps achieve both goals. As Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt has said "Leveraging our technical college system and programs like readySC are critical to fostering the growth of aerospace through workforce development."

We encourage you both to support this Trident Tech project to completion as rapidly as possible to continue to fuel the growth of the Aeronautical Cluster in the State.

Respectfully,



Tom Leonard
Executive Director

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