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Good Afternoon,

I wanted to send you an email in regard to S1134 for Williamsburg Technical College that was enrolled for ratification last week, and should head to the Governor's Office this week. I wanted to provide with you some information and reason for the requested legislation.

In 2000, the General Assembly passed a \$137M capital bond bill appropriated to state agencies for various purposes. The SC Technical College System was appropriated \$26M directed to the sixteen technical colleges. Of the \$26M, Williamsburg Technical College was appropriated \$1M for a New Technology Building. Of the \$26M issued throughout the technical colleges in the last bond bill 12 years ago, only \$700,000 for Williamsburg Technical College remains undrawn.

In 2004, the General Assembly repurposed \$300,000 of the \$1M to WTC for the "New Technology Building" to "Building Repairs" for deferred maintenance on existing buildings, leaving \$700,000 remaining on the "New Technology Building."

The SC Technical College System and Williamsburg Technical College have determined that the New Technology Building is not a viable project for the college at this time since they would need \$4-5M to complete the project. Over the 12 years since the funds were initially authorized, significant infrastructure repair and equipment upgrade needs have arisen. These repairs and upgrades to existing facilities and equipment have been certified by the SC Technical College System Office in its recent and comprehensive "2011 WTC Need Assessment Report" (see attached).

This bill repurposes the remaining \$700,000 from the New Technology Building to those purposes outlined in the report and are categorized in this legislation as "Academic and

Institutional Support Building Repair, Maintenance and Renovation. No funds will be used for the recurring or personnel needs outlined in the report.

The primary mission of the SC Technical College System is to provide "...relevant and effective programs that advance the workforce development, promote economic development and ensure attainment of student learning goals. The citizens of Williamsburg County and the students of Williamsburg Technical College voiced a strong desire for the college to successfully fulfill this mission as they understand that a college education is the key to a better future. The attached comprehensive report serves as a guide to assist the college as it makes strives to meet the educational and workforce needs of the community.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance. I can be reached on my cell phone at 803-447-6534.

Thanks,
Joren