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Chairman Lawrence K. "Larry" Grooms
Senate Transportation Committee
313 Gressette Building
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Re: Opposition to Regulation 5134

Greenville County acknowledges, respects and appreciates the economic and quality of life impacts that Greenville Municipal Airport, SCTAC, and Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport provide our County and State. When dealing with land use issues in the vicinity of airports the County has and will always be respectful to the safety and function of these facilities. However, much of the language in Regulation 5134 goes way too far and could cause significant economic impact to the very community the airports help to thrive.

As currently written, "5134" puts unreasonable state demands on a local government. It is an encroachment of Home Rule with potentially devastating impacts on private land-owners and developers. The proposed regulations would cause unnecessary delays for permitting impacting the County and City of Greenville's efforts to handle growth. Currently, a \$1 billion County-lead development in downtown Greenville could potentially be impacted by the proposed land use regulations. Any uncertainty related to that project could cost our community thousands of jobs and dramatically reduce the economic impact of the projects at University Ridge.

We ask for the withdrawn of this regulation and respectfully believe negotiation between the Aeronautics Commission, Counties, Municipalities, and the business community could lead to a satisfactory solution.

We ask you to take action to force the withdrawal of the regulation before it automatically takes effect on 5/10/23.

Sincerely,


Joe Kernell