

December 1, 2017

The Honorable Kent Williams  
South Carolina Senate  
Agriculture Subcommittee  
608 Gressette Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**Re: H.3929 – Agricultural Animal Facilities**

Dear Chairman Williams,

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of H.3929, a bill which boosts the competitiveness of the South Carolina poultry industry, which represents 40 percent of all agriculture within our state.

By establishing finite setbacks for facilities and also establishing that permits can only be contested by affected persons with standing, this legislation would make South Carolina poultry farms more competitive with North Carolina and Georgia, while maintaining guidelines that are still more rigorous than our neighboring states.

The business community at large urges support of this measure to bolster the competitiveness of our state's agricultural operations.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [864-490-2138](tel:864-490-2138) or [mark.harmon@scchamber.net](mailto:mark.harmon@scchamber.net).

Sincerely,

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