

Representative Brian White



February 14th, 2018

TO: Members of the South Carolina House

Re: H.4727 – Conservation Bank Reauthorization

Dear Members:

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of H.4727, a bill which reforms and reauthorizes the South Carolina Conservation Bank. The Conservation Bank provides significant benefits to South Carolina by protecting our state's natural resources and watersheds which play a key role in economic growth.

Our state's top industries including manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, and tourism all value and rely on our natural resources. The Conservation Bank provides responsible incentives to property owners who choose to protect their land from development and balances land protection with the state's economic growth.

The business community at large urges support of this measure to protect our natural resources and the industries those resources support.

Please note that the Chamber will consider scoring **your vote on H.4727** in the *2018 Legislative Scorecard*.

For questions, please contact: *Sarah Cohen, Director of Government Affairs*, at [706-339-8304](tel:706-339-8304) or sarah.cohen@scchamber.net.