



January 23, 2018

TO: Members of the South Carolina Senate

RE: H.3653 – Nuisance Suits (Support)

Dear Members:

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of H.3653, a bill which limits nuisance actions by new neighbors against the normal operations of existing manufacturing facilities by codifying the “coming to the nuisance” defense. Several years ago, legislation was passed to protect farmers from similar threats, and this bill would extend those protections to manufacturing facilities

Manufacturing is vital to the continued prosperity of South Carolina’s business climate. When existing manufacturing operations become the subject of nuisance litigation, they may be forced to abandon production, resulting in job loss, or be discouraged from investing in and adopting new technologies.

Please note that the **vote on H.3653** will be considered for the Chamber’s *2018 Legislative Scorecard*.

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