

Rep. Fry



February 27, 2018

TO: Members of the South Carolina House

RE: S.105 – Automatic Stay (Support)

Dear Members:

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of S.105, a bill which improves the automatic stay process, creating defined rules and a more standardized process for contested case hearings. The current system allows for the process to be abused with the intent to delay projects indefinitely even after regulatory approvals have been granted and should be fixed.

S.105 preserves citizens' rights to challenge government decisions while clarifying expectations and timelines. The measure would create a defined number of days that an automatic stay is in place and would require interested parties to provide valid support for the stay, thus ensuring delays of projects are justified and that the process will proceed in an efficient manner.

The business community supports this measure and a **vote on S.105** may be considered for the Chamber's *2018 Legislative Scorecard*.

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