

Representative Forrester



March 22, 2017

**TO: Members of the South Carolina House**

**RE: H.3653 – Nuisance Suits (Support)**

Dear Members:

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of H.3653, a bill which amends existing housing and redevelopment code to provide that existing industrial facilities shall not be eligible for nuisance suits.

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. This bill would limit the common law nuisance actions where land uses expand into areas where industrial facilities are already in existence in order to preserve and encourage economic development.

Please note that the **vote on H.3653** will be considered for the Chamber's *2017 Legislative Scorecard*.

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