



HENRY DARGAN McMASTER  
GOVERNOR

May 8, 2025

The Honorable Ross Turner  
512 Gressette Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Senator Turner:

I have signed into law R-31, S. 213, which pertains to the Greenville Airport Commission ("Commission"), as the entity responsible for the Greenville Downtown Airport and other related facilities. As you know, S. 213 amends section 4 of Act No. 919 of 1928, as amended by Act No. 636 of 1980, so as to increase the Commission's bonding authority.

Like several of my predecessors, I have consistently vetoed local or special legislation that is clearly unconstitutional. Therefore, I carefully consider all such legislation presented to me and scrutinize the same in view of the applicable law. Here, based on a review of S. 213 and other relevant authorities, it appears that the Commission's impact, through the Greenville Downtown Airport, "extends beyond the confines of one county" to serve the Upstate region of South Carolina. *Fort Hill Nat. Gas Auth. v. City of Easley*, 310 S.C. 346, 350, 426 S.E.2d 787, 789 (1993). Accordingly, I am persuaded that S. 213 does not constitute impermissible local legislation. See *Kleckley v. Pulliam*, 265 S.C. 177, 185, 217 S.E.2d 217, 221 (1975); *Op. Att'y Gen.*, 2003 WL 21998992, at \*3 (S.C.A.G. July 31, 2003). Moreover, the General Assembly has demonstrated that this bill is necessary to "best meet the exigencies of [this] particular situation," and it is not readily apparent how a general law could be made applicable without being overbroad in its scope. *Charleston Cnty. Sch. Dist. v. Harrell*, 393 S.C. 552, 559, 713 S.E.2d 604, 608 (2011); see *Op. Att'y Gen.*, 1985 WL 166006, at \*2 (S.C.A.G. Apr. 11, 1985). Nevertheless, although I do not believe S. 213 is clearly unconstitutional on its face, given the General Assembly's regular reliance on—and the recurring nature of—special legislation, I encourage you and your colleagues to address similar issues in the future by passing general laws of uniform, statewide application whenever possible.

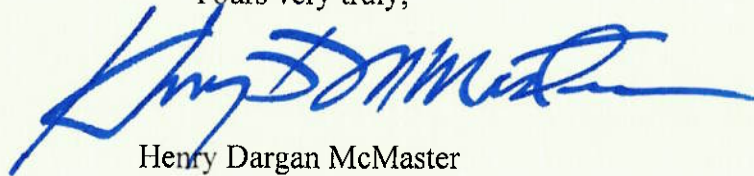
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For the foregoing reasons, I have signed S. 213 into law. I look forward to continuing to work with the General Assembly to address these and other similar issues on a statewide basis.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry Dargan McMaster", is written over a horizontal line.

Henry Dargan McMaster

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cc: Greenville County Legislative Delegation