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Dear Mr. Ballew,

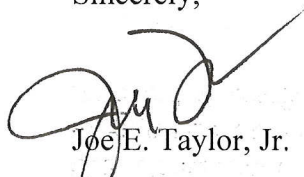
The South Carolina Department of Commerce is committed to the growth and prosperity of our state. As the state's leading economic development entity, the Department of Commerce works to recruit new capital investment and jobs both domestically and from companies headquartered abroad. Commerce accomplishes this through our staff of dedicated professionals based in Columbia and our foreign offices in Europe, Canada and Asia.

South Carolina leads the nation in the percentage of its workforce employed by foreign-affiliated companies. To further enhance our foreign direct investment recruitment efforts, we support the U.S. Department of Homeland Security EB-5 Regional Center Pilot Program. By encouraging foreign direct investment, we expand the number of opportunities available to workers across the state and diversify our business community.

We are pleased that the Carolina Center for Foreign Investment, LLC (CCFI) has received federal approval to operate as a designated Regional Center throughout South Carolina. With CCFI's 45 years of combined experience in real estate development and immigration law, this designation as a Regional Center will enhance the state's efforts to attract foreign direct investment.

South Carolina is a strong competitor in the global marketplace and the number of world-class businesses that have chosen to call our state home is a testament to that. South Carolina's business-friendly climate, skilled workforce, quality infrastructure, exceptional market access and a unique culture make it an ideal place to locate and grow a business. We look forward to sharing with potential investors all that our state has to offer.

Sincerely,


Joe E. Taylor, Jr.
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