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Office of the President

April 12, 2013

The Honorable Raymond E. Cleary, III
Senator, SC District 34
Chair, Finance Special Subcommittee
610 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Senator Cleary:

We are writing to convey our position on S 535, which is known as the "Clemson University Enterprise Act." This legislation exempts certain university operations, activities, and programs from the South Carolina procurement code and provides other exemptions from state laws and regulations.

As indicated by the signatures that appear on the following page, the comprehensive teaching universities respectfully request that they all be added to this bill. We believe that the statutory and regulatory relief the bill affords should apply without exception to all of the state's senior public institutions. Including the comprehensive teaching universities in this legislation will enhance each institution's capacity to promote the economic development of their respective regions and the state.

We also respectfully recommend that the provisions of S 535 granting exemption from the State Employee Grievance Act be eliminated and replaced with a section embodying the "Recommendations for Creation of a Separate and Comprehensive HR System for Higher Education," a report submitted to the State Budget and Control Board on January 15, 2013. For the record, we note that none of the recommendations contained in that January 2013 report infringe on the State Employee Grievance Act.

We thank the members of the special subcommittee for the opportunity to present our position on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

David A. DeCenzo
President

Approval Signatures



Daniel Ball, President
Lander University

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P. George Benson, President
College of Charleston

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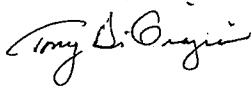
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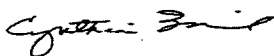
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