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Jonathan,

Here is the white paper the Ambassador told the Congressman he would provide regarding current activities by Qatar in South Carolina. Please forward to Congressman Wilson with my personal regards.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thanks,

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South Carolina White Paper

The relationship between Qatar and South Carolina extends across many sectors including national defense, investment, education, and cultural relations.

Declaration of Understanding

In February of 2018, Mayor John Tecklenburg of Charleston, S.C. signed a Declaration of Understanding between the cities of Charleston, S.C. and Doha, Qatar. The Declaration encourages a spirit of cooperation between the cities to promote economic and cultural relations. The agreement aims to explore new areas of economic development and new trade opportunities in both the public and private sectors, and support the exchange of experiences in planning, construction, health, education and environmental issues such as waste recycling and beautification.

Defense Cooperation and Investment

Qatar's \$12 billion order for six F-15 warplanes from Boeing has a \$13 million economic impact in South Carolina, supports an estimated 100 jobs in the state, as well as South Carolina companies that are 1st and 2nd tier suppliers for the F-15 program. Qatar has indicated it will purchase a total of 36 F-15 warplanes from Boeing, for an additional 500 jobs in South Carolina.

Barzan Holdings, a new Qatar defense public fund, has established Barzan Aerospace and headquartered it in Charleston, S.C. to buildout a large military aircraft initiative that is expected to support at numerous jobs.

Qatar has made significant investments in its domestic air and missile defense capabilities (Patriot System & Early Warning Radar), as well as Rolling Airframe Missiles (RAM) with the Raytheon Corporation. Following both State Department and Congressional approval, the estimated impact of the purchase will be \$12.2 billion. The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics projected that with the completion of the project, a total of 54,000 jobs would be created in 22 states and sustained over a five-year period. South Carolina, being one of the twenty-two states, shared in a portion of the job creation numbers.

U.S. Military Presence in Qatar

The Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar is the largest overseas air base used by the United States, home to 11,000 U.S. troops, and houses US CENTCOM Forward HQ, U.S. Air Force Central Command Forward, U.S. Special Operations Command Forward, Combined Joint Interagency Task Force-Syria, the Combined Air Operations Center, and the 379th Air Wing. Qatar is investing over \$4 billion to upgrade facilities at Al Udeid to benefit those U.S. troops and the families that serve along with them.

Al-Udeid currently hosts military personnel and aircraft from Shaw Air Force Base (750 military personnel) and Joint Base Charleston, located in South Carolina, that contribute persons to the 816th Expeditionary Air Squadron (EAS), the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW), the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW), the 6th Air Refueling Squadron, and the 412th Civil Engineer Group.

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Additional Investment in South Carolina

Charleston is home to Boeing's 787 Dreamliner assembly plant. Qatar Airways is an important customer for Boeing, with 94 Boeing planes in its fleet. Qatar Airways has ordered an additional 30 Boeing 787s and 10 777s for a contract value of over \$11 billion. This order will support 6800 jobs in South Carolina.

The Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) opened its office in New York in 2015 to manage its ever-growing portfolio in the United States. QIA has pledged to invest \$45 billion in the United States by 2020 (equal to 23% of Qatar's annual GDP). Since making this pledge, QIA has already invested over \$20 billion in the U.S. QIA has begun to look for investment opportunities in South Carolina. In February 2018, Mohammed Saif Al-Sowaidi, head of QIA's U.S. advisory group visited South Carolina to learn more about investment opportunities in the state, where he was joined by South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster and U.S. Senator Lindsay Graham.

Educational Initiatives

In 1995, H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, the father Amir, and his wife H.H. Sheikha Moza bint Nasser founded Qatar Foundation, a private, non-profit organization that serves the people of Qatar and the region.

Education City is the flagship initiative of Qatar Foundation and is located on the outskirts of Doha. Today, Education City covers 8.7 square miles and houses educational facilities from early school age to research level and branch campuses of some of the world's leading universities – including:

- Carnegie Mellon University
- Cornell University
- Georgetown University
- Northwestern University
- Texas A&M University
- Virginia Commonwealth University

Qatar Foundation International (QFI) focuses on student-centered learning environments that foster a deeper understanding of the Arab world through the teaching of Arabic and about the region's societies and cultures. The organization partners with primary and secondary schools, universities, multilateral entities, and other philanthropic organizations to ensure that their programs advance students' acquisition of global competency and 21st-century skills.

QFI has supported professional development and classroom resources for teachers in Charleston, South Carolina; Duncan, South Carolina; and Lexington, South Carolina.

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