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The Honorable David H. Wilkins
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby returning without my approval H. 3373, R-203. I am vetoing this bill because of the scope – it provides an exemption to a statewide standard for a single county.

While we understand that there are cases where there is a need to exempt areas from the 30-ft standard, I am concerned this legislation may be overly broad. When that requirement was passed, it was recognized that the General Assembly would need to exempt certain areas. However, this legislation exempts all of Spartanburg County, which violates the spirit of the law.

I understand the need for considerations to be made and would be willing to work with the General Assembly on reviewing the legislation in total. However, until that can be done, I feel obligated to honor the spirit of the law and maintain the intent of the original legislation.

For the reasons stated above, I am vetoing H. 3373, R-203 and returning it without my approval.

Sincerely,

Mark Sanford