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# Georgia Senate Study Committee Recommends Spaceflight Legislation

WOODBINE, GEORGIA - December 15, 2016 - At a meeting in Atlanta this morning, the Senate Study Committee on the Camden County Spaceport finalized its recommendations to the General Assembly on the challenges and opportunities related to a spaceport in Georgia. The principle finding of the Study Committee urges the Georgia General Assembly to propose and pass legislation that sends a clear signal to the commercial space community that Georgia is open for business.

"To paraphrase Neil Armstrong, this report is one small step for Spaceport Camden, but one giant leap for Georgia," stated Spaceport Project Lead and Camden County Administrator, Steve Howard, "There is still plenty of work to do before rockets launch from Camden County, but we look forward to working with the General Assembly to make Georgia the best place in the country for aerospace entrepreneurs to do business."

Camden County continues to work through the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Commercial Space Transportation to obtain a launch site operators license. Environmental and safety reviews are in process and a decision by the FAA is expected in 2017.

## More about Spaceport Camden:

Our Vision is to develop a successful world class spaceport through a public-private partnership that establishes Camden County as the Commercial Space Center of the United States. Our Mission is to create the premier spaceport strategically positioned to provide economic diversity with a competitive advantage for the space sector, Camden County, the State of Georgia and the United States of America. For more information, please view our website at www.SpaceportCamden.us.

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