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**The State Senate**

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

November 6, 2014

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**APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEES:**

Natural Resources & the Environment, Chairman  
Agriculture  
Transportation

Dear Lieutenant Governor Cagle,

Senate Resolution 896, passed during the 2014 Legislative Session, created a Joint House and Senate Study Committee charged with the following:

1. Provide stewardship for state lands to protect our natural resources and cultural heritage.
2. Provide support for maintenance of local parks and trails.
3. Provide funding options to acquire critical areas for clean water, game, wildlife, fisheries and natural resource based outdoor recreation.
4. Provide for the most effective use of such funds for the protection of conservation of the state's ample natural resources and land.

To that end, our first and only meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, at Panola Mountain State Park Nature Center, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. During this election cycle it has not been possible arrange a meeting that all members could attend along with key contributors to the issues of study. According to the resolution, the Committee would stand abolished on December 1, 2014. We feel this does not allow enough time for Senate Research to provide a comprehensive report on the committee findings.

To allow for the Committee to perform the duties it is charged to do, and to ensure that the report of the Committee's findings is timely submitted, I respectfully request your approval to extend the Committee's date of abolishment to December 31, 2014.

Pursuant to Senate Resolution 4, which as you are well aware provides the President of the Senate with the authority to "...extend the time allowed for any committee", I ask for your consideration of this important request.

Thank you for your help with this very important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross Tolleson".

Senator Ross Tolleson  
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Cc: Representative Lynn Smith, Co-Chair, District 70



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November 24, 2014

The Honorable Ross Tolleson  
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Dear Senator Tolleson:

I am writing in response to your letter on November 6, 2014, requesting that the date of abolishment for the Joint Study Committee on the Georgia Legacy Program, created by Senate Resolution 896, be postponed until December 31, 2014. Your request is hereby approved pursuant to the authority granted under Senate Resolution 4.

Given that this study committee is a joint committee created by both the State Senate and the House of Representatives; my approval is contingent upon concurrent approval by the Speaker of the House, which I understand he intends to give.

Thank you for your diligent work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor of Georgia

cc: The Honorable David Ralston  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House  
Legislative Counsel