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Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

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Mr. Lum G. Petitt
424 Davidson Road
Cleveland, Georgia 30528-5011

Dear Mr. Petitt:

During the 2003 legislative session, I submitted a proposal to the General Assembly that would allow the people of Georgia to choose the flag that flies over our great state.

While I recommended that an additional choice be available to the people, the Legislature came to a different conclusion, and I respected their decision. My goal was never to appease any one group or cause. Rather, my goal has always been to live up to my one and only promise regarding the state flag – to afford the citizens of Georgia the opportunity to vote. House Bill 380 met that requirement, and on March 2, 2004, the people of Georgia spoke with great clarity regarding which flag will fly over our state.

This was a difficult process with people of good will holding very different positions. I believe the people chose a beautiful banner that reflects our history and heritage, and I am proud to see it continue to fly over Georgia.

The process is complete. We, as a state, must heal the wounds, unite and move forward. Thank you for sharing your point of view with me during this historic process. I hope that now we will turn the page on a new day in Georgia's proud history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonny Perdue".
Sonny Perdue