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The Honorable Senator Alfred "Al" Lawson
404 South Monroe Street
Room 210 SOB
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Senator Lawson:

On behalf of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, I would like to thank you for your diligent effort this past legislative session to preserve local governments' ability to regulate stormwater and wetlands. SB 1376, as originally filed, sought to retroactively preempt local governments' ability to enforce wetland regulations and stormwater fees on agricultural lands.

As you know, Leon County has worked hard to ensure that the quality of our stormwater and wetlands meet the highest federal, state, and local standards. We appreciate your willingness to meet with us to discuss the negative impact SB 1376 would have had locally. We are very grateful for the two amendments to the bill that you sponsored which removed the wetland preemption language from the bill and limited the scope of the stormwater fee preemption.

We look forward to working with you in the future on this and other issues regarding Leon County and thank you for continuous effort to protect local governments' home rule authority.

Sincerely,

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Jane G. Sauls
Chairman
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