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**Stewardship Bill**

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Dear Rep. Raschein;

I am writing to express my appreciation for your efforts on behalf of all Keys taxpayers. I very much support the Stewardship Bill. A predictable revenue stream for Keys projects has the potential to encourage wise planning and spending, especially for those entities that have demonstrated a lack of proficiency in that area. It also opens up the possibility for much needed financial relief for certain taxpayers. The one downside is that it could provide an opportunity for an unscrupulous money grab by those who are inclined toward such behavior.

For that reason, I appreciate that you added this paragraph:

The first \$100 million in funds distributed pursuant to this section or s. 215.619(1)(a) I. shall be in accordance with existing or successor interlocal agreements between Monroe County and any political subdivision or public body thereof.

It is well known that some taxpayers bear an excessive financial burden because of the irresponsible distribution of wastewater funding. Key Largo, in fact, is depending on state money to repair this damaging imbalance. Without clearly stated funding priorities, it is highly likely that state money would be recklessly siphoned off to other projects.

I will certainly be paying close attention to the October 21 BOCC meeting to make sure that the bill is not interfered with in a way that damages its potential to finally ensure a fair and responsible distribution of wastewater funding. This has been needed for years. Thanks for doing all you can to make it happen.

Sincerely,

Margaret Blank