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Dear Director,

As long standing citizens and property owners in Chester, Florida, Nassau County, Florida, my wife and I strongly object to the application of United Water Florida, Inc. to extend their service area located in Nassau County as stated in the legal notice on page 6C of the Fernandina Beach Newsleader dated 8/30/2000 for the following reasons:

1. This sewer line is being installed at the request of one developer from out of town for personal gain and not for the good of our community. This is a low-density neighborhood with a lot of property being zoned open rural. No one in this community needs, nor have they requested this sewer line.
2. Probable expense of hooking up to this sewer line in the amount of anywhere between \$8,000.00 to as much or more than \$15,000.00 depending on how far your home is from the line. Due to existing county policies, this will happen if the property owner has any problem at all with their private sewer systems, or if the county commissioners vote to officially mandate it. Since several of our county commissioners are also in the real estate business, this is a very strong possibility because of the income it will bring due to the increased sales in dense development. It is our personal understanding that it is against the Florida Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for county officers to "vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss" as stated on page 13 of the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.
3. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan of our county is supposed to prohibit "urban sprawl". This project will certainly be a violation of that Plan.
4. Increased road congestion of at least 1200 cars per day just for the residential traffic it will bring. This does not include the commercial traffic that it will also create due to the restaurant and other amenities that the Lighthouse Pointe subdivision plans call for.
5. Increased property taxes that will cause a great hardship and probable loss of homes and property to the longtime residents of our community.
6. **Great risk** of ecological damage to the wetlands, creeks, and wildlife in this rural area.

We have spoken to many of the agencies that do the investigation and permitting for this type of service. These include the DEP, St. Johns Water Management, and members of our Board of County Commissioners. There have been so many conflicting reports as to who is responsible for what that there is no possible way that the average citizen can understand and properly oppose what they know to be wrong. There is so little land left in our area that is not over developed that we would like to do anything we can to save what precious little we now have. If there is any way you could help us, we would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Donald E. and Susan F. Bell

cc: United Water Florida
Governor Jeb Bush
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