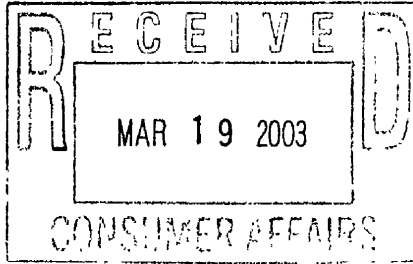


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The League of Women Voters Space Coast is opposed to Miami Corporation's application in Brevard County as a water service utility. We are opposed to application in Brevard County Florida due to the following:

- ◆ Miami Corporation has never been permitted, licensed, nor has ever shown to have the capability to provide water, fire protection, or a public water in Brevard County, Florida.
- ◆ Farmton Water Resources allegations are false that there are no other systems in place with the capability to provide water services in Northern Brevard County. Brevard County presently has a water supply and presently provides water services in northern Brevard County.
- ◆ There are significant flood plain, surface water, and wetland areas in the proposed Farmton Water Resource (Miami Corp.) application area. An expansion of water well fields in the northern Brevard County area would violate current protection policy and hinder protection and conservation of these water areas.
- ◆ Farmton Water Resources (Miami Corp.) has violated the Brevard County Comprehensive Plan by failing to apply as a possible water resource to ensure protection of Brevard County's public interest of water resources. Farmton Water Resources has already violated rules for the protection of water resources, what guarantees are there that this would not continue in the future.
- ◆ Privatization may discourage efficiency and conservation efforts and fail to protect this important natural resource. Governments must establish clear guidelines that ensure fair access to water regardless of income, protect the environment, ensure transparency, and include affected parties in decision-making efforts.

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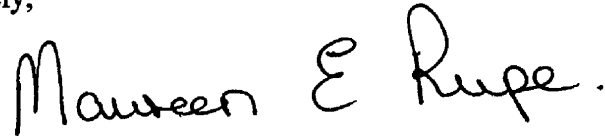
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The position of the League of Women Voters of the United States is to oppose privatization of water. Unlike renewable resources like trees, we cannot produce more water. This is why it is vital to protect water from pollution; once water is spoiled and rendered unusable, it is effectively gone. The privatization of water would place profit-making concerns above the serious need to expand access to clean and affordable water. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen E. Rupe." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Maureen Rupe
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