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Florida Public Service Commission  
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RE: Gainesville Renewable Energy Center (GREC)

Dear Commissioners:

As you know I am a strong proponent of renewable fuels as part of Florida's path toward energy independence.

I believe that one of the most important ways to create fuel from crops is through biomass energy. Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy agree that biomass is a source of energy that is cleaner than traditional carbon-based fossil fuels.

In North Florida, the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center is before you for approval. I strongly urge your approval of this facility.

GREC will bring much-needed jobs to Florida's \$16.57 billion forest industry – an industry that is struggling with diminished forest products sales and a downturn in home construction. This plant will require employees in the forest to gather material, employees on the roads to transport material to the facility, and employees at GREC to operate and maintain the plant.

Approval of GREC will put a lot of people back to work, will show that Florida can lead the nation in bio-power production and will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Your support of this facility is of utmost importance.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. BRONSON  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

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