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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you today regarding the pending authorization of the request for "Certificate of Authorization" sought in Docket (No. 20200226-SU) by Environmental Utilities LLC.

I am a longtime resident of Little Gasparilla Island and understand deeply the fragility of this and the surrounding barrier islands. It is my understanding that both the State of Florida and Charlotte County have identified these islands as one's of special concern regarding the failure of existing septic systems. Mainly, their effect on the surrounding waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Placida Sound. This application to install a collection system to remove the raw sewage from the barrier islands is a tremendous first step in the right direction.

Thus far, the objections and reservations I have read deal with the ultimate cost to the consumer and personal attacks on the applicant and EU LLC. I would ask you to put aside this smoke screen and look at the facts. The septic systems on Little Gasparilla Island, Palm Island and Cape Haze all affect the surrounding waters. Most systems are antiquated and sub par, if not totally ineffective. Something has to be done to stop this continued polluting of our waters. A growing population will only make it worse. The installation of this collection system will help to immediately mitigate the ecological damage being done.

Relative to the cost to the consumer, I am confident that EU LLC. will thoroughly exhaust the use of grants and subsidies to keep the cost of the system down. These savings will ultimately be passed on to the consumer.

As to the Corporation which has applied to install this new sewer collection system, I have known the owner for many years. He has owned and been involved in the installation and management of the water system presently operating on Little Gasparilla Island. Once again, there were objections by various property owners because of perceived unwarranted costs to leaving their wells and cisterns and having to pay for water. Most, including myself, are now singing the praises of having a safe, treated water supply to their homes. Even when the power is out. This corporation, which is local, is uniquely qualified to address the very special needs of installing this system on a bridgeless barrier island. They understand both local and state regulations and how to work within a somewhat arduous permit system. I believe they alone are qualified to install this system and fully address the concerns of the residents and the environment. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support EU LLC. and their efforts to move forward with this petition. I hope that the State will do the same.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Leydon Jr.