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From: Chris Clore <chrisclore@cfef.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Letter of Support - Duke Energy

Attached please find a copy of the letter of support which is being mailed today.
Thank you



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June 8, 2021

Chairman Gary Clark
Public Service Commission
2450 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee FL 32399

Dear Chairman Clark:

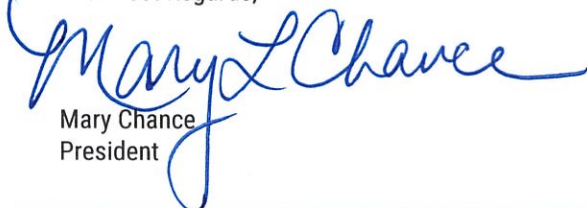
Our mission at the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations is to champion Florida's community of local education foundations that are aligned with nearly every school district in our state. These vital nonprofits are a proven mechanism for connecting community to classrooms to innovate learning, power potential, and celebrate success. Collectively, they engage more than 1,100 business and community leaders and raise more than \$80 million annually to strategically invest in their local schools in partnership with school district leaders.

Since the inception of our network more than 30 years ago, one of our most stalwart partners has been Duke Energy Florida. Their leaders on both a state and local level clearly see the value of our efforts and they consistently contribute not just financial resources but their intellectual capital and time with multiple employees serving on the boards of local education foundations and one key leader serving on our statewide Strategic Advisory Council.

Duke Energy Florida is a valuable and generous supporter of education, through grants and partnerships with K-12 schools that result in experiential learning opportunities for students including the ones pictured here. Duke Energy regularly invests in the work of the 16 local education foundations in their Florida service territory, this year alone provided more than \$487,000 in to support STEM education, literacy, and more for K-12 students. Through funding and supporting education initiatives, Duke Energy Florida is diversifying and strengthening our future workforce and creating a greater path for economic prosperity for our state.

We are concerned at the possibility of Duke Energy Florida being purchased and re-organized, and what this could mean for their community support and deep engagement throughout our state. It is our hope that Duke Energy Florida stays strong so that they can continue their important work in education and economic development in partnership with our network and the many other community organizations they support throughout Florida.

With Best Regards,


Mary Chance
President



*Fruitland Park Elementary Robotics Scrimmage
Lake County*



*Edward W Bok Technology & Engineering Education
Polk County*