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Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 4:30 PM
To: 'Courtney DeFilippis'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE - DOCKET NO. 20240032.

Good Afternoon, Courtney DeFilippis.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

Toni Hover

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you today as a concerned property and business owner in Charlotte County, to express my strong support for the implementa of a centralized sewer system. The urgency of this issue cannot be overstated, as the current reliance on septic systems is having a detrimental effect on our local environment and, by extension, our community and economy.

As an owner of several properties and businesses in the area, I have witnessed firsthand the negative impacts of inadequate waste management. For instance, while fishing in Little Gasparilla Pass

recently, I encountered human feces in the water. This is a direct result of septic runoff, an issue that not only affects the natural beauty and safety of our waters but also the health of our community and wildlife.

Moreover, one of our properties on Little Gasparilla Island faces significant accessibility challenges due to septic runoff, which becomes particularly problematic at high tide or after heavy rains. This issue underscores the broader implications of inadequate waste management on property values and the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

I understand that there was considerable opposition when the idea of a centralized sewer system was first proposed, largely due to misinformation and misunderstandings. Unfortunately, this has been exacerbated by a vocal minority who have been spreading misleading information.

Implementing a centralized sewer system will not only address the urgent environmental issues but will also provide long-term benefits such as improved public health, enhanced property values, and a boost to our local businesses by preserving the natural beauty and appeal of our waters. These are critical factors that support the overall vitality and attractiveness of Charlotte County as a place to live, work, and visit. I urge you to consider the overwhelming evidence supporting the need for a centralized sewer system and to take decisive action that prioritizes the health of our environment and community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Courtney DeFilippis

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