

March 17, 2021

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Munroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

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The Honorable Senator Dennis Baxley
Senate District 12
322 Senate Building
404 South Munroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

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The Honorable Representative Brett Hage
House District 33
402 South Munroe Street
315 House Office Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

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The Honorable Gary Search
Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
District 1 Commissioner
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Dear Commissioner Search,

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The Honorable Doug Gilpin
Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
District 2 Commissioner
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

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Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
District 3 Commissioner
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

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Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
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7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

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Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
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7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

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