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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Frank Abbate, County Manager

**RE:** Item J.1., Letter of Support for the Space Florida-Led Endeavor to Secure a Community Project Funding Request

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 2, 2024, authorized the Chair to sign a Letter of Support for the Space Florida-led endeavor to secure a Community Project Funding of \$5 million to redirect wastewater presently going to a U.S. Space Force treatment facility, now at capacity, and send it to a Brevard County (Sykes Creek) treatment facility. The Letter was signed by Chair Steele and provided to you at the meeting. Enclosed is a copy of the letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

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cc: All Commissioners  
Public Works



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May 2, 2024

The Honorable Bill Posey  
United States Congressman  
2150 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Posey,

Brevard County is pleased to offer its support of the Space Florida led endeavor to secure a Community Project Funding of \$5M to redirect wastewater presently going to a U.S. Space Force treatment facility now at capacity and send it a Brevard County treatment facility presently under capacity. Space Force has let it be known they can no longer grant future permits to the commercial space industry for new projects to discharge into their system. It is this industry which provides the launch capability to meet the nation's needs in national security, civil exploration, and in the economic competitiveness necessary to assure U.S. leadership in space.

This project will serve two essential and positive goals. In the short run it not only ameliorates the recently imposed constraint on the further growth of the commercial space launch industry on which this community, and the nation, depend. But additionally, this new wastewater line will become an important component of the ongoing collaboration between Brevard County, NASA, Space Force, Space Florida, and other key stakeholders to secure a more advanced wastewater treatment system for the region. This new system will better protect the Indian River Lagoon, one of Florida's true environmental treasures, but also represent responsive resiliency as we move this system off the barrier island and onto the mainland. If this new line were not there, it would need to be built in the future.

Again, thank you for all you have done to champion Brevard County, the Indian River Lagoon, and the nation's space program.

Respectfully,

Jason Steele, Chair  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners