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The Honorable Michael DiTerlizzi
Martin County Board of County Commission
2401 S.E. Monterey Road
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Dear Commissioner DiTerlizzi

I have been following the progress of the proposed natural gas storage facility by Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC. After conversations with principals of the company and reviewing their literature, it is my belief that this project has the potential to significantly benefit both our local community and the State of Florida.

If successful, this undertaking would provide much needed jobs for the Indiantown community, a significant amount of tax dollars annually, and very importantly, will help Florida in its growing need for energy. Florida currently has no in-state storage capabilities. We rely on pipelines bringing in gas from the Gulf Coast – where hurricane activity can interrupt supply. The Martin County facility will allow for greater supply security and faster recovery during supply interruptions or weather events.

Florida has the distinction of being the largest consumer of fuel oil for power generation in the U.S., consuming over 34 percent (based on 2005 EIA reports) of the total U.S. demand for power generation. Using gas storage in Florida would help reduce the burning of fuel oil and the harmful emissions that result.

I am available at your convenience to discuss this matter in greater detail, if you wish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Snyder".

William D. Snyder
Representative, District 82

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