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September 23, 2010

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Representative Jimmy Patronis
1301 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Rep. Patronis,

While there's likely no need to explain to you the current economic woes weighing on Bay County property owners, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners would like to express to you our profound disappointment in the passage of a bill that will cause further financial strife for our constituents.

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While we understand and appreciate your vote against this Draconian measure, we are frustrated that so many of your legislative colleagues voted for it. Please repeal this unjustified and expensive law.

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Representative Marti Coley
319 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
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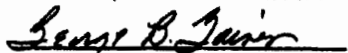
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Sen. Don Gaetz
320 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Sen. Gaetz,

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Sen. Durell Peaden
406 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

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228 Senate Office Building
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