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Dear Mr. Snyder and Mr. Abberger,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, I would like to request technical advice and assistance from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Trust for Public Land (TPL) in connection with our efforts to secure reliable continuing funding for the land and water conservation efforts of our Environmentally Endangered Lands Program. This program has been funded using ad valorem taxes authorized by voter referendums in 1990 and 2004, which expire in 2024.

As part of your assistance, I understand you will conduct research and develop recommendations for the County Commission's review on strategies for achieving dedicated, ongoing sources of public funds for land and water conservation. Our objective is to find the best alternative to continue funding this program with regard to our residents, visitors and taxpayers.

We are interested in not only in the factual information that you can provide but also the opinions and recommendations on public funding measures available to us and the strategies to enact these options into public policy. That would include understanding the public's priorities and attitudes concerning land and water conservation, environmental outreach, outdoor recreation and natural areas – including trails and wildlife habitat.

Information provided to this Commission will be public record as a matter of law. This request does not in any way commit public funds to the efforts of TNC and TPL regarding this request, nor does it require public disclosure of any confidential information of either organization. In addition, this request does not imply that any recommendations provided to this Commission will be considered for public policy enactment.

This request will continue in effect for any advice you offer or presentations you submit. In addition, I would like to take the opportunity to request that you continue to be available to provide technical advice and assistance on this matter and on related matters as the Commission may request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We eagerly await your response. Please contact me if I can provide any assistance.

Respectively,

Commissioner Bryan Lober  
Brevard County Commissioner, District 2