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SENATOR BURT L. SAUNDERS
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The Honorable Mick Denham, Mayor
City of Sanibel
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Dear Mayor Denham and Council Members:

Thank you for your letter regarding proposed legislation by Representative Nelson to preempt local governments from the regulations of fertilizers. I appreciate the effort you have made to share your concerns and comments with me.

Based on my concerns related to the impact of fertilizers on our lakes, rivers and estuaries, it was my intent to study this issue as an interim project of the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation of which I am the Chair. Prior to the passage of legislation by Representative Nelson during the 2007 Session, I worked closely with Representative Nelson to assure that any proposal considered by the Legislature to create a task force would not preempt local regulation and would have balanced representation of governmental, environmental, and industry representatives. The role of the task force was intended to be advisory in nature and included compiling recommendations for local governments to consider in formulating appropriate ordinances. Whatever recommendations the task force makes will offer nonbinding policy recommendations for consideration by the Legislature.

The opinions of constituents regarding these specific issues are important to me as I make decisions on voting for legislation and policy. I will keep your thoughts in mind when relevant issues are considered in the future.

For my work as a State Senator to be effective, your input is of great value to me. I look forward to our continued communication.

Very truly yours,

Burt L. Saunders
State Senator, District 37

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