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To Whom:

I have sat and watch battle after battle unfold about water quality, especially after 2018. Being a native Floridian, I have watch land development go pretty much unchecked, uncontrolled and ungoverned. That has to stop. Land development has impacted this State to the brink of extinction and in some cases has. The Ivory Billed Woodpecker, the Dusky Seaside sparrow in Titusville. Others on the edge of extinction. Now our waterways are under attack and along with that, the impact to pretty much everything that defines Florida. I am not going to go into detail about what, but it goes from tourism right on down to the owner of a local coffee shop. Water impacts everyone.

We need a plan to restore the quality of the water. We need to put back the rivers and streams that have been interrupted in the name of Development. Fill in the canals. Restore the flows and limit the harmful nutrients that farms, cattle and the tourist attractions are dumping into our streams, rivers and lakes. Fine these municipalities that have sewage overflows into our waters. Demand that they repair antiquated sewage systems. Gulfport and St. Pete Beach have overflows everytime it rains heavy. And it pours into Tampa Bay and the Gulf which the State has already pour millions of dollars into to clean up. What is the point if this is allowed to continue. You have to start clean ups at the SOURCE.

Who's going to pay for this. Everyone is. Steep impact fees on Development. Impact fees on tourists and snow birds. You may have to increase that sales tax on items that may cause pollution in our water ways. Pass measures to stop single use plastic. The list can go on and on. Concentrate on starting at the smaller levels. The bigger levels will catch up.

Respectfully

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"We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves."

Buddha