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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you today in support of the Three Sisters Springs Visitor's Center and Site Development project located in Crystal River, Florida.

As you may know, there is currently no public visitor's center located in our state that focuses solely on manatees. The planned Three Sisters Springs Visitor's Center will surely spur economic development in Citrus County, offer an opportunity for increased education and awareness about the endangered West Indian manatee, and will visually improve the appearance of U.S. 19.

I have no doubt this project will enhance the Citrus County community and provide much needed education about the natural resources upon which the local economy depends. This is without question, a valuable opportunity to expand Crystal River's role in the county and more broadly, the State of Florida.

I firmly support the application of the Three Sisters Springs Visitor's Center and Site Development project and hope you too will join me.

Sincerely,



Richard B. Nugent
Member of Congress