

May 19, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist  
Governor of Florida  
PL 05, The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Re: Request for Veto of SB 360 Relating to Growth Management

Dear Governor Crist:

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners urges you to veto SB 360.

Wakulla County at present has good working relations with both the City of Tallahassee and Leon County. Yet in the not too distant past there was an issue that necessitated legal action by our county.

SB 360 would enable protections afforded to our county from large regional developments through DRI (Development of Regional Impact) and concurrency regulations. Both the DRI and concurrency requirements have provided a mechanism to avoid potential conflicts between our regional governmental agencies as relates to growth issues. These requirements are of benefit to Wakulla County.

This legislation can result in adverse impacts on Wakulla County by allowing for the City of Tallahassee to be exempted from the DRI process and concurrency requirements. This would eliminate input from our county. Growth projects from Tallahassee could move forward under SB 360 and have impacts on our county without our county having the safeguards of the DRI process and concurrency standards.

Wakulla County is concerned that the burden to address transportation needs resulting from any unmitigated impacts of any DRI rescinded pursuant to the provisions of the bill could fall upon the shoulders of the taxpayers of Wakulla County.

Governor, thank you for your time and consideration of Wakulla County's opposition to SB 360 and hope that you will exercise your authority to veto it.

Sincerely,

Howard Kessler  
Chairman