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| Hon. Matt Caldwell, ChairLee County Legislative Delegation | Via e-mail to: charlotte.gammie@myfloridahouse.gov.  |

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| Re: | Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control DistrictRequest to address Lee County Legislative Delegation |

Dear Rep. Caldwell:

I am the general counsel for the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District, an independent special fire control district in Lee County. Our Fire Board and Fire Chief have requested that I address the Lee County Legislative Delegation at its hearing on January 13, 2015, to request the following:

1. Providing funding for necessary and critical equipment that cannot be obtained due to the District’s ongoing and current funding shortages. This amount would be **$100,000**.

2. Funding for the planning, engineering and preliminary design phase for proposed Station 4, which will serve the Matlacha/Burnt Store Road area, in the amount of **$100,000**.

Note: These requests could be additionally to each other (if at all possible), or alternatively. They could also be split.

3. Deleting the statutory language in s. 191.009(2)(a), F.S., requiring a referendum for implementing the first special assessment for a district. (This is not imposed upon cities or counties.) It would read:

~~“…the first-time levy of non-ad valorem assessments in a district~~, must be approved by referendum of the electors of the district.”

Thank you for the opportunity to address our Legislators.

Very truly yours,

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