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Ms. Rachel Goodson  
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Dear Ms. Goodson: RE: Marion County AdCom/DOAH Case 08-1576GM

Our group has been informed that this significant case is to be considered by the Governor and the Florida Cabinet on the 15<sup>th</sup> which is tomorrow! The materials presented by 1000 Friends of Florida has been provided to our group, and we are in full agreement with what their President, Charles Pattison has said in his letter!

Perhaps the main reason that this case has caught our attention is the TODAY reality of the "yesterday's" decision to allow the creation of the City of Babcock in order to get the majority of the former Babcock Ranch into State Preservation status. NOW we are dealing with the reality of where the East-West Expressway from the rurally placed City of Babcock will go to get their future residents to I-75! Not to mention the great impact on ALL other issues such as wildlife and water resources as it affects TWO Counties!

To go back to the Marion County case, we are concerned that the very successful efforts of two citizens – Susan Woods and Karen Lynn Recio – are being fought in a BIG way by apparently greedy developers! It seems that someone is trying to resurrect Goliath when David has killed him with his slingshot! Just because title has been transferred for some 400 acres of Marion County with a capacity of 40, it does not mean that they have the RIGHT to build about 800 homes! The Cabinet and Governor denying them their request for DENSITY increase would hardly start a "Burt Harris" lawsuit!

Certainly, in the light of the current economy, it is not possible for the developer to "DEMONSTRATE NEED" for this density increase! However, the two ladies did successfully show to both DCA and an Administrative Law Judge that there was "HARM TO DOCUMENTED ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES" of that rural area!

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Sincerely, Bobbie Lee Gruninger, President of RGMC

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