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Senator Joe Negron
412 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
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Re: All Aboard Florida – Delay Funding for Quiet Zones

Dear Senator Negron,

The Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County is concerned that the State of Florida will be funding the proposed All Aboard Florida project which will be negatively impacting the citizens of Indian River County, St. Lucie County and Martin County without giving the public a better opportunity to understand the issue.

At this time very little information has been made available to the residents and elected officials of Indian River County about the project. Because so little information has been made available there is a great deal of speculation about the finances of the project, the financial burden that it will place on taxpayers at the Federal, State and local levels and most importantly the damage that the project may do to the health and safety of our communities.

Given this, the Board of County Commissioners is asking that you remove any funding for quiet zones from this year's budget. This will give our communities the time to understand the project and hopefully get the information that they need to have a rational basis to either give or withhold their support for this project.

We believe that this delay, necessary for elected officials to perform their due diligence is the right thing in a free society such as ours. In what is supposed to be an open and transparent society our residents and elected officials should have all available information available to them, **before** elected officials at any level provide any support for what we were initially told was to be a private project paid for with private funds.

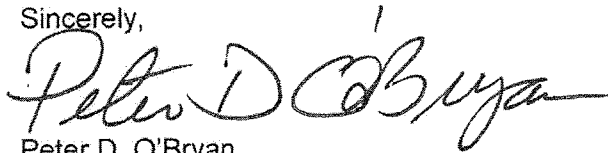
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Again, because of the complexity of the issue, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests the State of Florida strike any potential funding for the Quiet Zones from the current budget to allow time for the public to fully understand the ramifications of this proposal.

We are looking forward to your support on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter D. O'Bryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Peter D. O'Bryan
Chairman, District 4

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