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Honorable Esteban Bovo, Chair
And Members
Chairman's Policy Council
Miami Dade County Commission
111 NW First Street, Second Floor
Miami, FL 33128

Re: Resolution 2A, Chairman's Policy Council Meeting, Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Dear Chairman Bovo:

We write today on behalf of the Builders Association of South Florida (BASF) to express the membership's support of the above-referenced resolution. The resolution would permit work to start on agreements needed to help implement the joint water re-use project between Miami-Dade County and FPL. It comes before the Chairman's Policy Council on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

As builders, we continue to support infrastructure partnerships that help maintain clean, reliable and affordable energy options for our community. That is why BASF is firmly in support of this joint partnership, whose purpose has several very important environmental and community benefits for Miami-Dade residents:

1. **Helps Miami-Dade County comply with the State-mandated requirement to eliminate all waste water outfall as of 2025.** Multiple benefits include improving ocean water quality, and making our coastal waters healthier and safer for people and aquatic life.
2. **Completely eliminates the demand for an additional 60 MGD of fresh water to be withdrawn from our aquifers.** This would be an enormous water savings for our community, with this water supply being either left in the aquifer for natural purposes, or available for service to our local population.
3. **Increased use in novel ways of solar panels** - not only has FPL recently installed new solar panels on land, but the utility is also planning to install additional floating panels, in abandoned rock pits. This smart utilization of non-functional lakes, which can be made operational again – to generate clean, renewable electricity - must be among the top creative re-use concepts not only in South Florida, but very likely in the entire country.
4. **More power generation for an increasingly connected society.** This one speaks for itself!

Once approved, this forward-thinking framework will allow the County and FPL to start the detailed work to develop key agreement components. The resolution provides an innovative outline of a smart partnership between the County and a private/regulated industry entity.

The "triple-positive" impact of helping Miami-Dade meet its environmental requirements, considerably reduce fresh water demand on the aquifer, reduce negative effects of ocean outfall and generate more – and renewable – clean energy for an increasingly connected South Florida, is an idea whose time has come. We look forward to seeing the next steps of the plan and its implementation in the future.

Sincerely,

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Carolina Herrera, President

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Truly Burton, Executive Vice President