

To: Senator Debbie Mayfield  
Representative Erin Grall

March 10, 2021

CC: Jason Brown, County Administrator, Indian River County

Dear Senator Mayfield and Representative Grall:

The Indian River Neighborhood Association, an Indian River County advocacy group of over 1000 members, urges you to support SB/1522 and its companion bill HB/1225 urging adoption of the recommendations of the Governor appointed Blue Green Algae Task Force. The members of this task force are experts in their field and have studied the issues for over a year. They recognize the dire straits of our Florida water bodies and the immediate need for action to reduce pollution coming from agricultural and urban sources.

We have a unique estuary flowing through our County, the Indian River Lagoon. We are also blessed to have such natural resources as the once-pristine Blue Cypress Lake, the San Sebastian River and 23 miles of Atlantic Ocean beachfront, all of which are in need of protection from the many sources of pollution damaging them.

We are not alone in lamenting the recreational and economic loss to our communities from impaired water bodies. The entire State of Florida's waterways are similarly affected.

Please heed the recommendations of the task force and pass SB1522 and HB1255.

Sincerely,



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