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Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am writing on behalf of my colleagues on both the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of the The Guardians of Martin County, a duly registered 501.c.3 entity, the principal mission of which is to educate the citizens and residents of Martin County specifically and of the Treasure Coast generally of the challenges and threats to our highly-valued quality of life and our environment.

Our specific message is to express our opposition to Senate Bill 410, which we're advised has just arrived on your desk for either your approval or veto. We're aware that well over 12,000 like-minded citizens have written you directly, via email, and/or reached your office by telephone, many stimulated by our alerts and those of 1000 Friends of Florida, with virtually all registering their opposition to this bill.

From the perspective of our neighbors, citizens and residents of Florida, SB 410, if approved, will severely diminish the cherished FL principle of Home Rule by facilitating high-density development in many of FL's rich rural areas, adding unnecessary and costly property rights elements to the counties' Comprehensive Plans, and exposing our communities and natural lands and waterways to damaging impacts.

For these, and additional related reasons, we respectfully entreat you to veto SB 410 on behalf of all your fellow Floridians.

Yours most sincerely,

Peter H. Conze, Jr.

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