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January 22, 2025

The Honorable Blaise Ingoglia
306 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

RE: Marion County support for Citrus County Barge Canal Boat Ramp project

Dear Senator Ingoglia,

On behalf of the residents of Marion County and our entire Board of County Commissioners, we are proud to offer our full endorsement of Citrus County's appropriations request for the Barge Canal Boat Ramp project.

Florida's diverse regions each possess their own unique natural beauty, drawing residents and visitors alike from all over the world. The benefits of tourism, however, extend far beyond any single area, and this project promises significant regional advantages by providing an additional access point to the Gulf of Mexico. It will serve not only Marion County but also Citrus and Levy Counties, along with the many visitors who regularly enjoy our region.

This project will ease congestion at existing water-access points and significantly enhance the boating experience for both residents and visitors. We view it as a sound investment in the regional economy and an important improvement to our quality of life. We are confident that, with your support, Citrus County will secure the necessary funding to advance this vital project and address the increasing demand for water access in our region.

Very respectfully,

Kathy Bryant
Chairman
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cc: Citrus County Board of County Commissioners



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1302 The Capitol
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