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To: United Water Florida, Inc.

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From: Concerned Citizens of Chester Road

and Blackrock Road Area, Nassau County

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To Whom It May Concern:

We have all become aware of the application made by United Water Florida, Inc to the Florida Public Service Commission to extend their water/sewer lines through our community. While these services may provide convenience to many, there are several questions raised by the proposal which has us all extremely concerned.

It has been reported in our local newspaper that the proposal may *require* homeowners (us) to tie into these services. It has also been said that this *required* connection may cost each of us \$8,000 to \$15,000. It has also been said that after paying this exorbitant fee, we will then be charged for the cost per linear foot of pipe that is laid across our property frontage. And on top of these outrageous payments we will then be required to pay monthly water/sewer fees.

Our community is one that is made up of properties that have been in families for generations. And many of our property owners bought in this area because of the lower costs compared to living on nearby Amelia Island. Now we are advised that because of buying where we can afford to buy, we are going to be muscled into paying thousands of dollars for a service that we will still have to pay a monthly charge for having.

This issue definitely needs to be publicly discussed and the citizens involved need to be advised of what this is going to cost us, precisely. As the information has been given to us, the plan is unacceptable and unaffordable to the average citizen in the area. Do not take our concerns lightly. For we are the people that will be receiving your bills and will be expected to pay them for the rest of our lives in this community. And should we be bullied into this agreement, you will certainly be hearing from many more of us for a long time to come.

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