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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brian Callahan and I am a full-time resident on Little Gasparilla Island and I support the Sewer project.

I don't believe there is much actual opposition to the idea on the island and I am surprised by the hearings I have recently been made aware of. It seems to me that it is just the same handful of people that seem to still be angry about the water project and they have made it a personal issue with Jack Boyer. I have a personal issue with these few being allowed to stall progress for the majority of us that are in favor. Not to mention the cost of the legal battles that eventually the rest of us have to pay for. Unfortunately sometimes the only wheel that gets attention is the squeaky wheel.

I don't think it takes a lot to understand that sewer is better than septic for the Island and the surrounding environment. I understand no one wants to be told what to do but let's just be honest. Is there one reason EU could not complete the project without success? I have not heard any evidence to suggest otherwise.

I think that with a few exceptions money is what is really motivating the Nay Sayers. Unfortunately it's one of the same reasons not all the septic systems are being maintained as they should be. That and septic is not something most people understand. It's not straight forward like traditional sewer. I suspect that over a period of time the sewer will also likely be cheaper than the cost of properly maintaining and replacing a septic and not everyone understands that.

That brings me to the last thing I want to say. I don't think it is fair to the people that have had to install a new septic systems knowing that sewer is on the way. I believe the right thing to do is to offer some sort of credit or non conforming temporary arrangement during the transition period. I know these things are pretty standard during these kind of projects other places and probably would be here as well but I think that some of the opposition would be different if that was not an issue.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

If you would like to discuss the matter further please feel free to call me.

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