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The Honorable Todd Drosky
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Re: City of Miramar's Opposition of Miami-Dade County's Proposed Municipal Solid Waste Incinerator at the Former Opa-Locka West Airport (OLWA) Site located Directly Across from the Florida Everglades and Less Than One Mile from the City's Residential Neighborhoods

Dear President Drosky:

I write today as Mayor of the City of Miramar (the "City") on behalf of my colleagues on the City Commission as well as the residents who live in the City to share with you grave concerns that this community has regarding the proposed construction of a new solid waste incinerator by Miami-Dade County (the "County") at a site that borders Miramar and borders the Everglades. Operation of this type of facility at this particular location will imperil the health of thousands of residents, endanger state threatened species, destroy state protected wetlands, perpetuate environmental injustice and racism, and jeopardize a decades-long, multi-billion-dollar investment by the State of Florida in Everglades restoration and storage of vast reserves of clean drinking water for urban communities throughout Southeast Florida. This is a planning and policy disaster that is unfolding in real time in front of our eyes, and I urge the State Legislature to take immediate, concrete action to intercede and restrain the County from following through on this misguided effort

Our concerns are numerous, detailed, and held very deeply by my constituents. They fall into three general categories: (i) public health and environmental justice; (ii) impacts to protected Florida wetlands, habitat, endangered and threatened species; and (iii) a very real threat to the state government's investment in Everglades restoration and storage and delivery of safe, clean drinking water to Southeast Florida. In the attachments that follow, we will discuss with specifics the nature and basis for these concerns. Respectfully, we suggest that the Broward League of Cities share in these concerns raised. Please help us put a stop to this now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Messam,
Mayor City of Miramar