



Wednesday, April 29, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners
Attn: Chairman Tim Nance
3299 Tamiami Trail East
Suite 303
Naples, FL 34112

Dear Chairman Nance:

As you are no doubt aware, efforts by Senator Garrett Richter (R-Naples) and Representative Ray Rodrigues (R-Estero) that we, along with you and your fellow commissioners supported, to create a stronger regulatory framework to govern the oil and gas industry, and in particular high-pressure well stimulation techniques, were entangled in the politics of session. While we understand that the bill was poised to pass in the Senate after having passed in the House, the Florida House of Representatives adjourned Sine Die on Day 57 of the 60-day legislative session, simply put time ran out before this legislation could make it across the finish line.

Collier Resources Company (CRC) is disappointed by this, as we believe this was good, strong legislation that would have provided regulatory certainty to the state and ensured the environment and public interest was well protected. Moreover, this legislation would have allowed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to study the impacts of high-pressure well stimulation and given our community science-based information and answers in regard to this technique to produce oil.

Now, we will look to the DEP to take steps to provide regulatory certainty to the state, and we will continue to be a resource to lawmakers and the DEP in the future, as the dialogue on this issue evolves.

With that said, we want to reaffirm CRC's commitment to the Board of County Commissioners and our community as a whole, that until such a time that the DEP issues clear regulations regarding high-pressure well stimulation techniques, like the one conducted at the Collier-Hogan well site, CRC will make certain that any future lessees are limited to production using a conventional approach that has been well accepted and understood in Florida.

CRC is a dedicated community partner that has been involved in oil exploration and development in Collier County, Florida, for decades. We trace our roots to the founder of Collier County. This is our home – it is where we live and work and raise our children – and we remain committed to ensuring the proper regulatory framework governing the oil and gas industry in the State of Florida is in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "J".

Tom Jones
Sr. Vice President



Cc:

**Commissioner Donna Fiala
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