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The Honorable James Fielding
Mayor, City of Port St. Lucie
121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Dear Mayor Fielding:

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Mr. John Bruhn
Chairman, St. Lucie County Board
of County Commissioners
2300 Virginia Ave.
Ft. Pierce, FL 34982

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Mr. Russell Simpson
Mayor, Town of Jupiter Island
P. O. Box 7
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

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Mr. Karl Krueger
Mayor, City of Stuart
121 S.W. Flagler Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

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Manager, City of Stuart
121 S.W. Flagler Avenue
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2401 S.E. Monterey Road
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Mr. Russ Blackburn
County Administrator
Martin County Board of Commissioners
2401 S.E. Monterey Road



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Emergency Services Director
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Director, Emergency Management Agency
6000 S.E. Tower Drive
Stuart, FL 34997

Dear Mr. Holman:



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Mayor, Town of Sewall's Point
1 S. Sewall's Point Road
Stuart, FL 34996

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Police Chief
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1 S. Sewall's Point Road
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May 10, 2000

Mr. Jack Southard
Director, St. Lucie County
Department of Public Safety
101 North Rock Road
Ft. Pierce, FL 34945

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Mr. Joe Myers, Director
Division of Emergency Management
Department of Community Affairs
1555 Shumard Oaks Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Mr. John B. Copenhaver
Regional Director
Federal Emergency Management
Agency, Region IV
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, GA 30341

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Bureau of Radiation Control
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Bin C21
4052 Bald Cypress Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1741

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