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The Honorable Tom Lee (T)
Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street
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**RE: Support SB 494, Linear Facilities
When the 2018 Florida Chamber Business Agenda Wins, Florida Wins**

Dear Senator Lee (T):

The Florida Chamber of Commerce urges you to **support SB 494**, related to Linear Facilities. This bill, sponsored by Senator Tom Lee will be heard on Tuesday, January 16th, in the Senate Community Affairs Committee.

The Florida Chamber recognizes that Florida will be home to 5.5 million more residents by 2030. Each of those new residents, as well as over a hundred million annual visitors, will need a reliable and safe electrical grid. In order to secure Florida's energy future, planning decisions and regulations for many of these facilities should continue to be made at a comprehensive level, rather than through a patchwork of local zoning regulations. This legislation is supported by Florida's business community because this bill:

- Changes case law back to the original legislative intent of the Power Plant Siting Act and the Transmission Line Siting Act; and
- Brings back regulatory certainty to the practice of lawfully siting transmission lines.

The Florida Chamber urges you to support **SB 494**, and will consider votes on this legislation, and any substantive amendments to it in committee or on the floor, in our annual *How They Voted* report card. The grade that you earn will be based on your voting record on the issues, such as this one, that are outlined in *Where We Stand*, a guide to Florida's 2018 Business Agenda. We will make every effort to notify you prior to a vote that may be included in our annual legislative report card. If you have any questions about this or other issues on the 2018 Business Agenda, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank C. Walker, III".

Frank C. Walker, III
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CC: Bob Grammig, Chair, Florida Chamber of Commerce
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