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The Honorable Jay Trumbull Florida House of Representatives 402 South Monroe Street 303 House Office Building Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

RE: Support HB 405, Linear Facilities
When the 2018 Florida Chamber Business Agenda Wins, Florida Wins

Dear Representative Trumbull:

The Florida Chamber of Commerce urges you to **support HB 405**, related to Linear Facilities. This bill, sponsored by Representative Jayer Williamson, will be heard on Wednesday, November 15th, in the House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee.

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 **HB 405**, 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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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