Representative Geraldine Thompson

1402 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Representative Thompson,

My name is (insert name). I am a resident of Windermere, FL. I am writing to state my support of House Bills HB 2693 Windermere Water South, HB 2691 Windermere Water Central, and HB 2695 Windermere Water North, which you have co-sponsored with Senator Vic Torres.

The Town of Windermere recently submitted Appropriation Requests to the State of Florida/DEP to implement the three phases of the Town of Windermere’s adopted Water Master Plan. Currently, Orange County Utilities (OCU) provides potable water to 41% of the parcels within the Town of Windermere. The remaining parcels are on individual private water wells. This master plan evaluates extending the system that OCU owns and operates to provide water to all parcels. The construction of these potable water lines will accomplish these goals.

Passage of HB 2694, 2691, and 2695 will ensure:

* **Safety:** This project will improve safety by providing a monitored, safe drinking water supply, while also improving fire protection capabilities.
* **Environmental Protection:** By reducing the number of wells around the Town’s Outstanding Florida Waterbodies, this project will ensure the environment is also protected.
* **Reliability:** Additionally, this project will improve reliability by providing a pressurized system that does not require electricity to operate, as is the case for residential well pumps.

While some areas of the Town are already equipped with fire hydrants, a large portion of the Town does not have fire hydrants. In addition, some of the existing hydrants do not have the available fire flow for some of the larger homes located within the Town. As part of this master plan, it is proposed that a few specific water mains be replaced with larger diameter pipes to

provide increased available fire flow where it is needed. The water main extension proposed in this master plan includes locations for additional fire hydrants to serve every parcel.

I ask you to voice my support HB 2694, 2691, and 2695 to improve reliability, safety, and ensure the environmental protection of our town. Please contact me with any additional questions you may have.

Respectfully Yours,

Your name

Your legal title

Your contact information