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Bill Partington
MAYOR

September 9, 2024

Via CMRR & Regular Mail

Mr. Edwin Cothron
Belvedere Terminals
200 Central Avenue, 4th Floor
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

RE: Coordination of Grant Funds to site a fuel storage and distribution terminal in Volusia, Flagler or Brevard Counties.

Dear Mr. Cothron,

As Mayor of Ormond Beach, I am writing on behalf of our residents to express our appreciation for the efforts made by both Volusia County and the State of Florida regarding allocations of state funding for the relocation of Belvedere Terminals' proposed development of a fuel farm on the property located at 874 Hull Road, abutting Ormond Beach but under county jurisdiction.

We are grateful that the State has recognized the significance of this matter and allocated \$10 million in the 2024 budget to support the identification of alternative, acceptable sites. Your leadership at Belvedere Terminals is crucial in this process. This funding demonstrates a shared commitment to ensuring that any future development aligns with the needs and safety of the community. We hope that, under your guidance, Belvedere Terminals will work closely with Volusia County, Flagler County, and Brevard County to explore these alternative locations and find a solution that benefits everyone involved.

Thus far, Volusia County has been diligent in reaching out, and we are confident that your cooperation in responding to their efforts will ensure a productive and positive outcome. Please realize we understand time is of the essence with the process. Because the Legislature appropriated the \$10 million for a 2024-2025 grant and these funds are nonrecurring, we believe the Department of Commerce's ("Department's") commitment and entering into a grant agreement for the use of these funds before the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year is also critical. It will certainly take time to site the project and for the Department and the appropriate county to execute the economic development agreement that is required to facilitate the use of the budget appropriation. With this, we ask you to open the necessary dialog with the local governments as well as the Department as soon as possible.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please know that moving forward, we will always consider the use of every available option to best serve and protect Ormond Beach residents. We truly appreciate your engagement in this critical discussion.

Sincerely,



Bill Partington
Mayor of Ormond Beach