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### SENATOR JIM BOYD

20th District

January 19, 2023

President Kathleen Passidomo  
The Florida Senate  
404 South Monroe Street  
409, The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

President Passidomo:

I am writing to you to respectfully request your approval for a study to be conducted by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). I appreciate your consideration of this request.

The study should focus on the potential benefits of combining the three municipalities of Anna Maria Island, which encompasses the cities of Anna Maria, Holmes Beach and Bradenton Beach. The study should analyze the existing municipalities and present any and all options for future government structure on Anna Maria Island.

Anna Maria Island is approximately 7 miles long and is located off the western coast of Manatee County, Florida. Between 2000 and 2020, each city has lost a significant number of its residents [City of Anna Maria – 46%; Holmes Beach – 39%; Bradenton Beach – 39%]. As of 2020, Florida's population ranking of each city [out of 950] is as follows: City of Anna Maria – 781; Holmes Beach – 582; Bradenton Beach – 795. If all three cities were combined, their population would bring the resident population to a state ranking of 478 [out of 950]. The City of Anna Maria and the City of Bradenton Beach both have resident populations under 1000. In terms of government efficiency, the City of Holmes Beach, while having a declining population, has seen its budget nearly double in 5 years.

On January 12, 2023, the Manatee County Legislative Delegation (MCLD) unanimously voted for a study to be conducted by the OPPAGA to review options for the MCLD to address prior to the 2024 Legislative Session. I would further request this study be completed by September 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Boyd".

Jim Boyd

#### REPLY TO:

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