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February 28, 2022

The Honorable Judy Titsworth City of Holmes Beach 5801 Marina Drive Holmes Beach, FL 34217

Dear Mayor Titsworth:

As members of the Manatee County Legislative Delegation, we are writing today regarding the ongoing, locally-imposed public parking restrictions in Holmes Beach. Manatee County residents and visitors should not be turned away from our beaches, due to parking restrictions.

It is our understanding that the initial premise for the parking restrictions was the COVID-19 pandemic. As you are aware, Governor DeSantis has kept our state largely free of pandemic restrictions since reopening Florida in late 2020. Our coastal communities have experienced an influx of visitors, both locally and from other states. Our restaurants, shops and other business rely heavily on tourism dollars.

As a delegation who has secured taxpayer dollars for beach renourishment, as well as other investments in our area, we respectfully request you reexamine your decision and approach to reduce on-street parking.

Sincerely,

Representative Tomms Gregory, C

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Representative Michele Raynor

cc: Manatee County Commissioners

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