

Dear Fellow Floridians,

Time and time again, Floridians have proven that no matter where we live or what political party we support, our love of green space and affordable access to outdoor recreation is a tie that binds us.

The threat of Amendment 3 has brought us together again. We, advocates for the protection of Florida's land, water, and outdoor recreation resources, are joining civic groups, professional organizations, counties, and municipalities across the state in opposing Amendment 3, because its passage will effectively gut the budgets of our state's water management districts and local governments.

We care because the consequences of this amendment will be devastating as property taxes are a critical source of local revenue that supports county and city parks, land preserves, and beaches, as well as public safety, schools, and hospitals.

If Amendment 3 passes, local governments will no longer be able to fund the critical public services like preventing floods, fires, and water pollution upon which Florida residents, visitors, and businesses depend. Further, local governments will be unequipped to protect and rebuild their communities from the ravages of tropical storms and hurricanes.

In order to make up for this loss in revenue, local governments are likely to charge their residents fees for the services and protection that provide the quality of life Floridians expect.

Florida voters who are seeking relief and affordability should know that Amendment 3 is, in fact, the most expensive and dangerous choice on the ballot.

Signed,

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