

Subj: Please remove this dangerous language from House Bill 627

Dear Appropriations Committee Representatives:

The undersigned organizations (see attached letter to Governor) represent **thousands of citizens of the Florida Keys** who strongly oppose Section 2(3), lines 290-295 in proposed HB 627. We ask that you remove these lines from HB 627 because they increase the risk to Florida Keys citizens during hurricane evacuation **by allowing unlimited increases** in the amount of affordable housing in the Florida Keys.

Additionally, we ask that you reject any efforts to add language from Section 4 of SB 102. It attempts to revive development allocations recently **ruled invalid**, and rehearing denied by the Florida Supreme Court, in expensive and prolonged litigation based on its conflict with the hurricane evacuation safety provisions of 380.0552(9)(a)2., Florida Statutes. Section 4 of SB 102 is a violation of the separation of powers doctrine and is unconstitutional. It will only result in a repeat of the litigation we just successfully concluded and delay real action to provide additional affordable housing.

Click this link for an analysis and supporting documentation of the problems which will be created in the Florida Keys by these provisions of SB 102, prepared by Richard Grosso, Esq. and Rebecca Jetton, former DEO planning administrator:
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:d3b8622f-d78b-3a71-b253-a32ba291f31b>. A short summary of the analysis is also attached.

We respectfully request your assistance for the safety of all Florida Keys residents. Please don't add Section 42 from SB 102, and please remove lines 290-295, page 12 of HB 627.

Sincerely,
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Jerry Tinnell

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