



Subject: Please remove dangerous language from SB 102

Greetings:

The undersigned organizations (see letter to Governor) represent thousands of citizens of the Florida Keys who strongly oppose two provisions in proposed SB 102 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. There are other ways to increase affordable housing without endangering the safety of Florida Keys citizens.

Click this link for an analysis and supporting documentation of the problems which will be created in the Florida Keys by these two 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.

Briefly:

1. Section 42 at page 92 of the Bill makes hurricane evacuation more dangerous by removing the protections of the state hurricane protection statute for citizens of the Florida Keys. Instead, it substitutes a hurricane evacuation clearance time of 48 hours in advance of hurricane landfall, already determined unreasonable by emergency managers, hurricane forecasters, and the intensive studies undertaken by the State Evacuation

Working Group. Additionally, weather forecasters have already determined that hurricane "landfall" is almost impossible to predict; staging an evacuation process on it is virtually impossible.

2. Section 2 of the Bill, amending Section 125.0103, Fla. Stat., at subsection 3 on page 11 of the proposed Bill undoes the Legislatively and Judicially approved strategy to restrict development in the Florida Keys to that which can be safely evacuated in 24 hours. **It allows unlimited development of affordable housing.**

We urge you to remove these provisions from the proposed Bill, for the safety of all Florida Keys residents.

Sincerely,

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Last Stand