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The Honorable John Legg
The Florida Senate
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Re: SB 718 Public Meetings/Agendas

Dear Senator Legg,

We are writing to express our support for SB 718, requiring the legally mandated notice of all public meetings to additionally include a description of each matter to be considered at such meetings, as well as prohibiting a collegial body from acting upon a matter at a public meeting which was not included in the notice of the meeting. We applaud your attention to this issue, Senator Legg; your meritorious legislation will help ensure that citizens have sufficient and adequate notice on all matters before their elected representatives and will, in effect, eliminate "shady" discussion and action by collegial bodies.

We believe SB 718 to be a critically important statement of public policy and it reinforces Florida's reputation as the Sunshine State. We greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of all Floridians, Senator Legg. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Petersen, President

cc: The Honorable Don Gaetz, President, The Florida Senate
Jon Kaney, General Counsel, First Amendment Foundation
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