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The Honorable Jared Evan Moskowitz
The Florida House of Representatives
1401 The Capitol
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Re: HB 1375, Federal RESTORE Act/Gulf Coast States Restoration

Dear Representative Moskowitz,

We are writing to express our support for House Bill 1375, which clarifies that the process by which counties appropriate funds received through the federal RESTORE Act is subject to open government requirements. Equally important is the requirement that counties post proposed appropriations of the funds received under the Act on their respective websites at least 30 days *before* the proposed appropriations are acted upon, allowing the public time to review and comment on the proposals. We applaud your attention to this issue, Representative Moskowitz; your legislation will aid in government transparency and the public's right to oversee its government.

We believe HB 1375 to be an important statement of public policy, reinforcing Florida's reputation as the Sunshine State. We greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of all Floridians, Representative Moskowitz. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Petersen, President

Cc: The Honorable Will Weatherford, Speaker, Florida House of
Representatives
Jon Kaney, General Counsel, First Amendment Foundation
Sam Morley, General Counsel, Florida Press Association