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March 8, 2019

The Honorable Wengay “Newt” Newton
Florida House of Representative
402 South Monroe Street, Room 1003 Cap
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Re: HB 265 Public Meetings

Dear Representative Newton:

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for your good bill, HB 265, making some much needed changes to Florida’s Sunshine Law regarding notice and the public’s right to speak.

We receive numerous complaints on our FOI Hotline from citizens about these two issues and we’re grateful for the attention your bill brings to the concerns of citizens from across the state.

Thank you on behalf of all Floridians, Representative Newton. If there’s anything we can do to help with the passage of this meritorious legislation, please don’t hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Petersen, President

Cc: Mr. Paul Tash, Chairman and Chief Executive, *Tampa Bay Times*
Mr. Tim Nickens, Editor of Editorials, *Tampa Bay Times*