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37th District

30 June 2006

Mr. J. C. Rodriguez, President
Ms. Joan Rose, Member of Board of Directors
Cape Coral Watchdogs
P.O. Box 152483
Cape Coral, FL 33915

Dear Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Rose, and Members:

Thank you for providing me a copy of your letter to Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist regarding the City of Cape Coral's policies related to the public utilities program and the recent report related to possible violations of state and federal regulations related to the construction and operation of the systems. I appreciate your taking the time to share this information with me.

As a State Senator, I do not have jurisdiction in matters of this nature. I sincerely appreciate the courtesy you have extended in informing me of your concerns which will hopefully be resolved.

For several years, I attempted to assist concerned citizens in addressing this issue through the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee which ultimately requested the audit by the Florida Auditor General's Office. Any findings of criminal wrongdoing will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement authority for further review. As a local government, it is the responsibility of the City Council and the city's management to address the deficiencies raised in the report. The city's officials will also be required to respond to concerns raised by the FBI once their investigation is concluded.

For my work as your State Senator to be effective, your input is very important. I look forward to our continued communication.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burt L. Saunders".

Burt L. Saunders
State Senator, District 37

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