

June 12, 2006

The Honorable Jeb Bush
Governor, State of Florida
PL 05 The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Subject: House Bill 7131
Amendments to the State Brownfields Program

Dear Governor Bush:

I am writing to encourage your support for House Bill 7131, which amends portions of the brownfields program. Brownfield redevelopment is often complicated by the presence or perception of contamination and incentives are needed to overcome the barriers preventing the successful return of these properties to productive use. The City of Gainesville supports the bill, which increases the amount of available incentives for brownfields redevelopment. Gainesville also supports brownfields redevelopment by having created two locally-designated brownfield areas and has assisted developers with participating in the state-wide program. Your support of House Bill 7131 will strengthen a popular redevelopment program that will benefit Floridians as they seek to revitalize their communities.

Sincerely,

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor, City of Gainesville