

February 15, 2023

Ms. Emily Schemper
Senior Director
Monroe County Planning & Environmental Resources
Marathon Government Center
2798 Overseas Highway, Suite 400
Marathon, Florida 33050

Dear Ms. Schemper:

Please accept this letter as a formal statement of support for a request to amend the Monroe County Tier Overlay District Map for property located at 24100 & 24150 Overseas Highway (File# 2023-008) that seeks to change the Tier from Tier III-A to Tier III.

As the owners of property located at 24244 Overseas Highway, which is directly adjacent to the subject property, it seems appropriate to correct the Tier Overlay District Map based on the factors outlined by the applicant and supported, in part, by a review of County staff included in a Letter of Understanding dated November 21, 2022 (File# 2022-003).

Should you wish to discuss the matter with me directly, I would be happy to make myself available.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael P. Crosby
President & CEO

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