

April 17, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Atwater
President, Florida Senate
312 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear President Atwater:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of Sun Rail. I am Randall Hunt, CEO of the Senior Resource Alliance in Orlando, FL. In Central Florida we like to start with, "Once upon a time" and I would ask you to think about Central Florida 10 years from now and if you vote to approve the Sun Rail project our area will look dramatically different than it will if you do not approve this vital project.

Further, you might look back 10 years and say without any doubt that Once upon a time, I-4 was 4 lanes the East West Expressway was just being thought about. Today I-4 is 8 lanes and crowded, the East West Expressway is 6 lanes and very busy at peak times. Sun Rail will be an alternative mode of transportation that can help both the citizens in Central Florida and also help transport many of our annual visitors to the area as well.

Another point I would implore you to consider, "Which came first the chicken or the egg?" I suspect we could discuss that question for some time. We need services but we also need jobs and revenue which Sun Rail will provide. You have a difficult decision but we would ask you to be future looking – jobs today, transportation and revenue today and tomorrow.

Finally, what is a senior advocate doing asking for support of Sun Rail not more money for services. I have done both, but let me share 1 statistic with you about aging. When an individual loses the ability to drive we know that life expectancy will be less than one more decade – about 8 years on average after they no longer drive. Sun Rail will be another mode of transportation that just might help alter this statistic.

Please support Sun Rail – Central Florida needs many things and Sun Rail is one of the most long term investments we must have.

Thank you.

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