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Mr. Michael W. Sole, Secretary
 Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Dear Secretary Sole:

I am writing requesting consideration that the traditional naturist section of the John D. MacArthur State Park be reformed to its former status as clothing-optional. I hope that you may consider the request because it provides multiple benefits to Palm Beach County.

This beach will be beneficial to the community by providing a new and larger revenue stream for the park. It would provide a facility that meets the demand of Florida citizens and would attract new tourists to the area. It will help provide a much needed economic impact in these rough economic times.

A successful example of a clothing-optional beach is Haulover Beach in the Miami-Dade area. It has maintained over 1.4 million visitors annually bringing in \$1.7 million in parking revenue and additional revenue from concession sales. It also attracts a large number of tourists with 65% of the visitors being classified as tourists. The beach provides an economic impact in excess of \$900 million annually.

A clothing optional beach will present Palm Beach County with various economic and community benefits. I hope that you may strongly consider a request to change John D. MacArthur State Park to clothing-optional status. Thank you for reading my opinions and suggestions.

Thank you once again. Please feel free to contact me in the future if you should have any additional questions or concerns.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

MARK PAFFORD
 State Representative
 District 88