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Dear Commissioner Heyman,

As President of the SkyLake – Highland Lakes Area HOA, representing the interests of over 13,000 residents that live in unincorporated NE Miami-Dade County (bound by West Dixie Highway to the east, I-95 to the west, county line to the north, and NE Miami Gardens Drive to the south), I would like to express our support for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization's Transit Expansion efforts via the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.

We would like to highlight our preference for the planned Northeast corridor to be prioritized, since the tracks already exist. As you know, we suffer from severe traffic congestion, and the residents in our area would surely use a convenient transit system to get to downtown Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

As I mentioned to your staff, while I understand that the planned parking would be located at the Aventura Mall, I hope that limited parking will be made available at the station itself to residents in our community, all of whom live west of Biscayne Boulevard.

We applaud your efforts to enhance our community – a commuter train and station would be most helpful and we encourage the county to fund this project as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Marc Hurwitz
HOA President