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The Honorable Carlos Lopez-Cantera  
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Dear Representative ~~Lopez-Cantera~~:

Tomorrow, I will be presenting HB 1267, the 2008 Protecting Urban & Residential Environments (PURE) and Water Act, in the Committee on Agribusiness, and I am writing to respectfully request your support for the legislation.

Of Florida's 479 local governments, less than ten have adopted a plan to address water quality issues stemming from the misuse of commercial fertilizers. Recognizing this as a significant impediment to improving our waterways, HB 1267 proposes statewide guidelines, which aim to reduce nutrient runoff from fertilizer by 75-85 percent. The *PURE Water Act* would put in place a water quality management plan for the 99 percent of local governments in Florida that have yet to address this issue and would not affect cities that have already established water quality standards through local ordinances. The bill proposes training requirements for professional applicators and the adoption of a living model ordinance by local governments.

The model ordinance is a product of scientific data and deliberation that resulted in consensus guidelines unanimously approved by representatives of several state agencies, environmental groups, industry and local governments. Each member of the Consumer Fertilizer Task Force was chosen for his or her extensive expertise on fertilizer and water quality issues, and with nearly seven and a half days of discussion, no one can claim that their work was done in haste. The ordinance was carefully constructed by the task force to accurately reflect the best available science and the needs of our water bodies.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this bill.

Best regards,

*Bryan Nelson*  
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