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Mr. Reigelsperger and Ms. Lewis:

I'm writing on behalf of the members of Melbourne's Beautification and Energy Efficiency Board. Among other activities, we are monitoring several bills in the current state legislative session. There are two bills that are of interest to Melbourne. These are Senate Bills 1278 and 1758, both filed by Senator Mayfield. Both bills are water improvement bills and have the potential to improve conditions in our area of the Indian River Lagoon. I'm attaching analyses of these bills that were created by the Florida Senate.

SB 1278 addresses biosolids and is designed to mitigate the impact of nutrient loading into water bodies from these materials. If this bill passes, city and county governments may have an opportunity to apply for grants to alleviate the construction costs associated with processing biosolid waste into energy (You can see an example at <https://www.sedron.com/janicki-omni-processor/how-it-works/>).

SB 1758 is an omnibus water quality bill that addresses clean water on a statewide level. If this bill passes, city and county governments may have the opportunity to apply for grants to upgrade wastewater treatment plants and improve stormwater drainage practices.

At this point, we wanted to ensure that you're familiar with these bills and we are not asking for any action on your part.

Sincerely,

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