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February 10, 2010

Senator Lee Constantine, Chairman  
Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight  
531 Knott Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Representative Juan-Carlos Planas, Chairman  
Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight  
303 House Office Building  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Senator Constantine and Representative Planas:

I write in support of Florida's Public Counsel, Mr. J. R. Kelly. Mr. Kelly has an excellent reputation as a prepared, competent, and compassionate advocate for consumers. I want to commend him, not only for the preparation of two recent significant cases before the Public Service Commission, but also for the outstanding work he has done over the years.

As you know, the Public Counsel is required by statute to provide independent legal representation for the people of the state before the commission. In such position, the Public Counsel is bound by the Canon of Ethics of the Florida Bar to bring to bear all of the talent and resources he has available to him on behalf of the people of the state and to do his best to advance the interests of his clients. In my view, Mr. Kelly has fulfilled this responsibility and deserves praise and reward for a job well done.

I strongly recommend that Mr. J.R. Kelly be retained as Florida's Public Counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

cc: Senate President Jeff Atwater  
House Speaker Larry Cretul