

January 13, 2026

Dear Representative Oliver,

On behalf of the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, thank you for your engagement and willingness to discuss HB 4077 - Punta Gorda Utility District Boundary Codification and Utility Transfer Act. We appreciate your time and attention to issues affecting our community.

After further review and discussion, the Board continues to respectfully request that you withdraw the bill. At this time, there is insufficient data and analysis available to fully understand the operational, financial, regulatory, and service impacts associated with the proposed changes. Further, it is unclear whether the timelines outlined in the legislation would be sufficient to complete this analysis. Without this information, it is difficult for the County to make informed decisions regarding service options or otherwise determine the most appropriate path forward.

Given these uncertainties, the Board believes that withdrawing the bill this session would allow the County and the City to continue working collaboratively at the local level. The County remains committed to constructive dialogue with the City and we believe there is an opportunity to address and resolve any concerns through direct inter-governmental coordination, without the need for state-level intervention.

We would welcome the opportunity to continue discussions with you as these issues are further evaluated and to explore whether a locally developed solution can meet the needs of all parties involved.

Thank you for your consideration and service to our community. We look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman  
Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners

Cc: Representative Nix  
Senate President Albritton  
House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee  
City of Punta Gorda Council