

Municipal Fertilizer Ordinance Letter Sign On

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We, the undersigned state, county and municipal elected officials, represent a nonpartisan coalition concerned about the potential preemption of local urban fertilizer ordinances.

As leaders charged with protecting our constituents, keeping Florida's waterways clean is a top priority. Water quality is of utmost importance to our health, our environment, and our economy. From the beaches to the bays, Florida's tourism industry and local businesses require clean water.

Multiple forms of pollution, including agricultural runoff, sewage, and industrial waste harm our environment and economy. In all cases, preventing pollution is the most cost-effective solution. Urban fertilizer ordinances are a tool that local governments have to reduce the amount of fertilizer (nitrogen and phosphorus) pollution escaping from urban lawns and landscapes. Limiting when and where fertilizer can be applied can combat excessive nutrient runoff into streams, rivers and bays. The addition of nitrogen and phosphorus into water bodies fuels harmful and nuisance algal blooms, like red tide and blue-green algae, leading to human health impacts, degraded water quality, and negative impacts to local businesses. If we lose our ability to reduce urban fertilizer pollution, progress towards attaining cleaner waters will suffer as will the local economies dependent upon clean water.

We strongly urge the Florida Legislature to reject any bill or measure that would restrict or remove the ability of a local government to regulate urban fertilizer application.

Respectfully,

The undersigned local elected officials



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