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6th District

January 27, 2003

Lake Jackson Ecopassage Alliance
Mr. Matthew Aresco
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Tallahassee, Florida 32318

Dear Mr. Aresco and Alliance Members:

I would first like to express my sincere appreciation for your presentation at the Leon County Delegation meeting in December 2002 and the subsequent information you have provided my staff and me regarding the high mortality rate of turtles on U.S. Highway 27.

Per your request, I have met with officials at the Florida Department of Transportation and am pleased to relay to you and other members of the Alliance that \$100,000 has been transferred from a statewide environmental fund to conduct a study to recommend an appropriate design for a potential permanent wildlife barrier along the appropriate area of U.S. Highway 27.

Leon County and JPA have taken the lead on this important study, however I have asked to be kept apprised of the study's progress and findings. As you know, this area is in the heart of my district and I am concerned about the safety of both the motorists driving along Highway 27 and the small creatures trying to cross the highway.

My office has received numerous letters and e-mails from concerned local residents and concerned citizens state, nation and worldwide. Due to the volume of correspondence my office has received I am unable to personally reply to each letter, however I would like to let all concerned citizens know that a lack of individual response does not constitute a lack of interest or support on my part. Solving this problem is a high priority for both my office and the office of Commissioner Dan Winchester.

Once again, thank you for your vigilance in bring this issue to the delegation's attention. I look forward to working together with you and the County to make U.S. Highway 27 as safe as possible for all Leon County inhabitants.

Sincerely,

Al Lawson, Jr.
State Senator, District 6

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cc: Commissioner Dan Winchester

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