

**From:** [Benevento, Douglas](mailto:Benevento.Douglas)  
**To:** [Miller, Dee Ann](mailto:Miller, Dee Ann)  
**Subject:** Re: Response  
**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 10:07:47 PM

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Perfect thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2019, at 6:58 PM, Miller, Dee Ann <[Dee.Ann.Miller@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Dee.Ann.Miller@dep.state.fl.us)> wrote:

Good Evening,

I am not sure if the Secretary had an opportunity to follow back up with you yet or not, so I wanted to reach out.

We are happy to offer a quote of support.

We would recommend perhaps a lead in of . . . Contrary to the assertions in the ECOS letter, the following states said:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstein said, "Florida has a strong working relationship with EPA, a relationship that is much improved over the past several years. We appreciate EPA's collaborative approach to issues and we look forward to working with them to address key environmental issues important to Florida."

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to further assist.

Dee Ann Miller  
Communications Director  
Florida DEP

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Valenstein, Noah" <[Noah.Valenstein@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Noah.Valenstein@dep.state.fl.us)>  
**Date:** September 26, 2019 at 6:31:52 PM EDT  
**To:** "Miller, Dee Ann" <[Dee.Ann.Miller@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Dee.Ann.Miller@dep.state.fl.us)>  
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**From:** "Benevento, Douglas" <[benevento.douglas@epa.gov](mailto:benevento.douglas@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:24 PM

**To:** "Valenstein, Noah" <[Noah.Valenstein@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Noah.Valenstein@dep.state.fl.us)>

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Noah, we would add a paragraph noting that we have support from states, and that add in quotes.

Per your direction on what a quote from you would look like I would offer the following;

I disagree with the ECOS letter, Florida has a strong working relationship with EPA, a relationship that is much improved over the past several years. We appreciate EPA's collaborative approach to issues and we look forward to working with them to address key environmental issues important to Florida.



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