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The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
The Honorable Wilton Simpson, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Governor DeSantis and Commissioner Simpson,

It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation from the Anastasia Mosquito Control District (AMCD) Board, effective immediately. While my decision has been expedited by a family medical situation, the larger driving force is my concerns over financial and operational matters at AMCD. When I was elected in 2022, I made a promise to the citizens of St. Johns County to prioritize transparency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability within AMCD. I am proud to say that during my time on the Board, I have worked tirelessly to uphold these values and bring about positive change.

I have fought to ensure that the citizens of St. Johns County who are taxed by AMCD have access to important information by reinstating all Board meeting videos on the AMCD website. This allows the public to view meetings and understand how their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent. Additionally, I pushed for and successfully passed an investment policy to protect taxpayer money, as well as a legally required auditor selection committee to ensure accountability within AMCD. Finally, I was able to pass a resolution that disclosed how much had been spent on the mosquito museum (recently renamed education center) and imposed a cap on the spending. As of this resignation, the education center project is nearly 40% over budget and a project that was to be closed on September 30, 2024, is yet to be closed.

Despite these accomplishments, I have come to the realization that there are deeper issues within AMCD that require more than just policy updates or changes. I have witnessed financial and operational mismanagement issues and have become aware of serious HR issues, including a culture of intimidation and retribution that prevent employees from speaking out. It is clear to me that significant changes need to be made to ensure the well-being of both employees and taxpayers.

In stepping down from the Board, I hope to bring positive scrutiny from the State on how AMCD is managed. I also hope that in appointing my successor you consider someone with a strong business background that will continue to safeguard St. Johns County tax dollars while fostering a work environment free from fear of retribution.

AMCD Commissioner Martha Gleason Resignation

I will continue to advocate for transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility in any way that I can, and hope that the citizens of St. Johns County will continue to hold the Board accountable for the decisions they make.

Finally, I want to thank the citizens of St. Johns County for the opportunity to serve them, and I hope that my resignation will bring much-needed attention to AMCD that will result in positive changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Gleason".

Martha Gleason
Commissioner
Anastasia Mosquito Control District

Cc: Secretary Cord Byrd, Department of State