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Mayor Daniella Levine Cava  
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RE: Discussion regarding the Development of an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan in Miami-Dade County.

Dear Mayor Daniella Levine Cava,

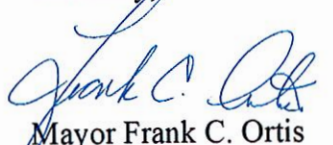
It has come to my attention that you and the Board of County Commissioners will be discussing tomorrow Miami-Dade County's future regarding a new waste-to-energy (WTE) plant to replace the County's Resources Recovery Facility which has remained inoperable since the fire in February.

I would like it to be known that the City of Pembroke Pines is very much against incineration as a means for waste disposal. We, as a city, are looking closely at new technologies and know that they are evolving and available. We hope that your Commission considers this path rather than reverting back to old systems involving incineration which release harmful chemicals and pollutants which can harm our residents and environment.

We realize the difficulty in making such decisions but are hopeful that incineration is not the answer or to be used as a "quick-fix" solution to a rapidly growing problem. Cities can achieve both waste reduction and energy goals without going that route.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Frank C. Ortis  
City of Pembroke Pines

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cc: Members of the City Commission  
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