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To Whom it May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to establish Sea & Shoreline, LLC, which has operations in Crystal River, FL, as an organization of “essential workers” during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sea & Shoreline meets the requirements of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s list of critical infrastructure industries as it is an agriculture company and a water management company. The company holds both agriculture and aquaculture licenses in the state of Florida.

Sea & Shoreline has been in Crystal River for the past five years working to restore the river and its connected bodies of water to a healthy ecosystem which is critical to the city’s economy and the city’s sewer system functioning properly.

Sea & Shoreline has instituted an extensive program to limit the exposure and/or transmission of infection to its employees and local residents. During daily operations, Sea & Shoreline employees work in boats on the water and have no need to interact with community members. If any necessary interactions need to occur, they are at a distance of greater than six feet. Sea & Shoreline employees also occupy independent housing, separate from local hotels and lodging. They have an in-house food program which excludes the need to visit grocery stores or interact with local residents. Employees utilize their own fuel cell so there are no interactions at fuel stations, and there is no impact on local fuel supplies. Our work sites are gated with no access to the public, and work areas are outside with social distancing precautions being observed. These work areas have hand washing stations with soap and hand sanitizers, and we also have hand sanitizers on all of our boats.

The continued positive local economic impact of this project is contingent upon project progress and ongoing maintenance. Disruption of the project would jeopardize restoration progress gained and waste state funding invested to date. Continued operation is critical in Crystal River as we want to ensure all state funding is utilized to ensure adequate funds are allocated towards the continuation of the Crystal River restoration project in future legislative years. There is a limited amount of time before manatee season during which all operations need to be completed.

It is for these reasons that we request that Sea & Shoreline be able to continue their meaningful work as essential services in the event that there is a government shutdown of nonessential personnel.

Sincerely,

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