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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
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Dear Governor DeSantis,

On behalf of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, we respectfully submit for your consideration and official nomination our county's most viable, eligible census tracts for Opportunity Zone 2.0. These tracts are presented in ranked priority order:

1. **12075970600** – Ranked #236 statewide
2. **12075970304** – Ranked #510 statewide
3. **12075970104** – Ranked #533 statewide

We believe each tract represents a unique opportunity for a growing Levy County. While there is a strong desire to attract new industry, the county currently lacks the funding for necessary infrastructure improvements as we work to create shovel ready sites for potential projects. Designating these areas as Opportunity Zones would open unprecedented doors for the region; therefore, we strongly encourage their inclusion in the official nominations transmitted to the federal government on behalf of the State of Florida.

We recognize that only a limited number of census tracts—approximately 340 statewide—may be nominated. In response, Levy County, in partnership with the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP), utilized a comprehensive, data-driven evaluation model to identify these specific tracts during a stakeholder review session.

Through those discussions, we determined that our top-ranked tract offers nearly immeasurable possibilities for attracting new business, while the remaining two are positioned in areas of imminent growth. The model used, confirms these areas are economically distressed yet poised for commercial and industrial development, provided they receive significant infrastructure investment.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to expanding economic opportunity across Florida's rural communities. We appreciate your consideration of Levy County's recommendations.

Sincerely,

Tim Hodge, Chair
Levy County Board of County Commissioners



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