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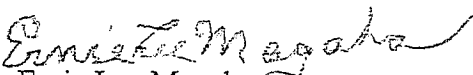
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners
Escambia County Governmental Complex
221 Palafox Place
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Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

I have received and reviewed the documentation submitted by Commissioner Marie Young, District 3, and Mrs. Janet Lander, County Attorney, that requests specific legislative support from the Florida Association of Counties. As you consider this request and prepare to vote your support, I would ask you to reflect upon the following points:

1. On behalf of the citizens of Escambia County, this Office will continue to seriously and aggressively serve as Auditor, Accountant, Recorder, Custodian, Clerk and Comptroller. The Constitution of the great State of Florida, the Laws of Florida, and the controlling case law handed down from the Florida Supreme Court dictate nothing less.
2. The information provided in the above mentioned documentation is vague, and is a misrepresentation of the processes and services provided by this public Office.
3. The request includes, "restoring financial/accounting balance" between the Clerk and Comptroller's Office and the Board of County Commissioners. In fact, that balance currently exists. It is provided by the Constitution and Florida law. The balance needs to be respected, not shifted.
4. This Office is prepared to take whatever action necessary to protect and preserve the best interests and integrity of the Citizens of Escambia County.

Sincerely,


Ernie Lee Magaha

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller