



Esteban Bovo, Jr.
Mayor - Alcalde
City of Hialeah

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Dear Ms. Button:

My office and I have been following the issue regarding expansion of the definition of "Urban Center" to include sites at a Metrorail stop with which we completely agree. We understand that you have proposed inclusion of Metrorail stops, but only those within the City of Miami, which excludes Okeechobee Station, the one stop in the City of Hialeah.

As the Mayor of the City of Hialeah and Chair of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization, I emphatically urge you to include the Okeechobee Station and other excluded stations as an Urban Center to give our City—the second largest City in Miami-Dade County—the same advantage given to the City of Miami.

We are in desperate need for more affordable housing in our City especially at a location where we encourage density and where a vehicle would not be a necessity.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Warm Regards,

Mayor Steve Bovo
City of Hialeah