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Dear Mr. Beter:

I am a resident of Palm Beach County and have a condo in West Palm Beach and another condo in Juno Beach. I would like to notify you that I am very much oppose to beach renourishment projects because they don't work. It was only a couple of years ago when they did the juno beach renourishment project. The sand was very dark. It looked dirty and they were much coarse than the original sand. They eventually got bleached by the sun but are still much darker than those being buried. Today, I would say at least 1/3 of the sand that was pumped to the beach has already gone. It is just a waste of money. In addition, the environmental damage is irreparable. I understand the town of Palm Beach has been trying to renourish their beaches (I recall they did that several years ago) and I am very much afraid that the Breakers Reef will be buried. The shallower reef by the Breakers has already been buried and there is no hope for getting it back. The outer reef is one of the best dive spots in Florida and we simply cannot let this happen. Our reefs have already been damaged by poor water quality from runoffs and pollution. The whole area is very, very sensitive and it really can't afford being disturbed at all. Everytime when human mess around with nature, we only make things worse. A lot of times when we think things would be fine because of the available data shows the environment would not be harmed very much. However, often times we forget data can be, and often being, manipulated. I know because I was a consultant and I could make data look either way if I wanted to. We also often ignore the quality and the source of data, let alone the lack of objectivity.

I hope you know the importance of our reefs in this area. Not only do they provide protection against strong tidal waves from hurricanes, they also provide a haven where marine fish and animals. Every year, thousands of sea turtles come to our beaches to lay eggs. They need the reefs for protection, food source and resting place. 30-40% of our reef in this area is already destroyed when compared with ten years ago. We have to be very vigilant in protecting them and make sure that they survive.

David

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