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**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2019 9:41 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us  
**Subject:** Please Ban Horseback Riding.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I am a citizen who frequently (2-4x/month) spends time at the east side beach at the Skyway. Although it was initially nice to see horses, it was not nice to go in the water with the horse feces. A lot of people bring their children there, and to me the issue is the proximity of the horse poop to the people.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Doug Hales*  
State-Registered Trainee Appraiser  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Water based commercial activities in crowded areas

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Dear Commissioner,

I have heard that you are considering banning horseback riding in the bay. I approve and would go one step further and ban (or regulate) ALL water based commercial activities in or around crowded beaches. The Skyway bridge area being one of those locations.

From my perspective (and based on what I witnessed), families and individuals enjoying the beach/water are not causing harm to the environment. When it comes to unregulated commercial activities (like horseback riding in the water), the negative impacts are definitively noticeable.

Kind regards,  
Marc Planquart

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**Subject:** Horses in the Bay

To whom it may concern:

It is my understanding that a decision will be made soon about the use of horses as a business in Tampa Bay, specifically near the Skyway area day-use area on the north side of the bridge.

This area is used by so many for outdoor recreation and is beloved spot by many locals and visitors for fishing, family cookouts, snorkeling, swimming, windsurfing, kitesurfing, paddleboarding, and jet skis. People are attracted to this area for a variety of reasons...however an increasing presence of horses in the water is getting lots of attention mainly due to horse feces in the water and the environmental impact of these large animals tromping through the delicate seagrasses.

The only reason I can see for a "yes" vote to keep the horses working in the bay is to save jobs.

Horses are not allowed on any beach, any park, or any causeway in Pinellas county for good reason. Dogs are even limited to most of the waterways with few exceptions. The main problem is feces. Fecal matter has bacteria and horses are very large animals with larger amounts of feces.

I don't have to tell you that having 15-25 horses out at the skyway every morning for 4 hours or more is creating a problem of public health. I do understand that the companies involved are doing their best to clean up after the horses, but their methods are simply not enough to keep the water clean for swimming in.

The owner of C Ponies has specifically pointed fingers at all of the "bigger problems" out there and that they should be left alone to do as they please in "our" waterways. She has even targeted the kiteboarding community who has been using this area since the late 90's stating "our fins damage the grass" too. A kiteboarding fin is approximately 1 inch deep....and the average water depth out there is anywhere from 12" to 36" depending on tide. The only way a kiteboard could cause damage to seagrass is by running the board through a dry patch where there is almost no water. We tend to avoid these dry spots as it defeats the purpose.....similarly we don't ride our boards up onto the sand where there is no water. Recently, Kiteboarding has been featured on the "Visit St. Pete/Clearwater" ad campaign for years and can be found on bay area billboards, busses, magazines, and even the airports. Kiteboarding is a wind sport that uses no fuel and creates no noise. We create no pollution and have zero impact on the environment.

Our community hosts alot of beach cleanups around the skyway area as well as in Ft. Desoto park. We have proof of us getting our hands dirty fishing out garbage out of the mangroves. We have also worked with the DOT and managed to have clean sand spread on the west side as that beach has suffered alot of erosion over the years. Finally, the kiteboarding community has hosted many fundraisers for All Children's Hospital raising over \$10,000 dollars over the years.

These horse business are not doing anything for our community expect polluting the water with horse manure and putting more stress on our environment that is already under great stress.

I urge you to move forward and ban horse back riding from the waters of Tampa Bay. Keep our waters clean and keep our estuary healthy for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for your time and I would like to know if the session on this topic will be open to the public.

Sincerely,  
Steve Visnage  
School Teacher  
Pinellas County Schools  
Floridian of 47 years

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**Subject** Horses in the water

**Message** Dear Commissioners - I believe that you are being bombarded by e-mails about the horses. You should be aware that those e-mails are drafted by the owner of the company, then placed on facebook, for people to cut and paste and send them. The viewpoint stated uses selective information, to create a favorable impression. I see two primary concerns, horse waste in a delicate marine environment, and Horses in a common area very close to a major highway. Consider those risks and the recommendation of the environmental board as you form a decision.

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**Subject:** CPonies  
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Having witnessed first hand fecal matter being dropped at the Skyway rest area by horses, and not being picked up ever, I urge you to reconsider the allowance and permission of the horses of CPonies and other horseback riding businesses. They have been behaving very aggressively lately towards other beach goers and the situation is becoming more uncomfortable with more and more publicity being negatively drawn. Please consider a ban on horses freely roaming in the bay and skyway rest area.

Thank you,  
Evan

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**Subject:** I support the banning of horses IF they cannot practice LEAVE NO TRACE

<https://www.facebook.com/djmotomike/posts/10158637356503275>

SKYWAY RANT - HORSES - Not Promoting these people. Nor do I care if they use the beaches or waters IF they practice "leave no trace". - I commented on their posts expressing my concern for the way they are leaving the beach area currently. Which consists of Large piles of horse excrement, wet hay, and horse urine. Combined with the heat, the whole North East Skyway Beach area reeks like a hot horse stall in the middle of summer!! ((They of course deleted my posts since its agenda driven on their part. ))

I can take the smells of the Sea. Oysters, mangrove, fish, etc. out there. It's the beach. We go expecting certain things. The smells are part of that. Not expecting to go there and it smell like a barn or the zoo with large animals.

Health risks? - I understand horse waste poses "very little" risk to humans. Still, I don't want to pull up to the beach an of their mess immediately around their d have to avoid horse piles or the smell of hot fecal matter and urine. Stepping in one is even worse.

I addressed this issue with one of the BUSINESSES out there that was collecting handfuls of cash in front of me. I waited until their clients were gone and asked about the pile of excrement next to us and if they were going to remove it. It was a well worn pile at this point. Days old by the looks of it. Not the only pile out there though. The woman shrugged her shoulders and laughed dismissively.

We hung around until the rain came and watched as they packed up and left without cleaning up anything. Including their trailers. They just kicked more waste out so they could close the doors.

Lots of misinformation flowing around on their 3+ pages.--

1. The rich kite surfers are the cause of this. - I cant attest to this, but am appalled that they can run a business off of the beach and leave the beach area in the condition they do. Yes, they pickup some of the human trash from time to time. That doesn't negate the fact there is still horse waste on the beach.
2. Horses caused the lines the sea grass. - Can not comment on all of the lines, but they are generally created by an impeller drivetrains . Meaning Jetskis and Waverunners.
3. The rich Kite Surfers - Yeah, last time I checked, it is more costly to own a horse than to surf. Remember here, they are running business with the horses. this isn't a charitable thing they are doing. They charge hundreds of dollars to walk you around horseback through the waters.

Most kite surfers that I have encountered are average working people. A portion of them are travelers that follow the wind/ surf all up and down the coast. They liveoutoftheir vehicles and surf when they can. Working various jobs in the locality they are in. Initial investment on a kite and board with harness and a couple lessons to get the basics down is a couple grand.

Owning a horse is way more money. On average, from what I have researched, \$2,500 -\$4,000 a year. That doesn't include the cost of acquiring the horse. Could be in the \$10's of thousands of dollars. Each vet bill, recommended once yearly for a healthy specimen, is in the ~\$500 range. Food, in the ~\$100 - \$250 range depending on diet. Putting a horse a stall and boarding it is in the ~\$450 ~\$1000+ range depending on services. Cost of the horse trailer, again, could be as little as ~\$500 for a used single trailer nothing fancy to well over ~\$50,000+ for a multiple horse carrier trailer. Which is what they use out there. Cost of the truck to tow the horse trailer. Depending on year, make, model, etc. in the used vehicle ~\$1,500 range to well over ~\$70,000 for a new one. What about insurance on all these things and the horses??? Or the cost other business licensing, permits, taxes, etc. Cost of the land if they decide to buy a few acres to own for their horses. Let's not forget takes time take care of horses if you aren't boarding them. So hiring on someone to take care of them isn't far fetched. Besides running the business of horses in the water, what about their normal income? There is no mistake, they have money. Rich? Don't know, don't care.

One person comments that the area is "made out to be a swimmers paradise". Well, yeah, kind of. The water stays clear most of the year. It is shallow for a mile or so in each direction. The grass flats are full of life and fun to look at while snorkeling. During some times of the year, you can enjoy a bioluminescent show from some of the concentrated plankton in the area. I have taught my 4 children free diving and spearfishing here over the years. We have been coming here to swim since I was a kid. In turn I have done the same with my children. The water temps, being shallow, tend to stay on the warmer side all year too.

Another comments about the area not being used, or busy. Again, wrong. Just like all the tourism in FL, there are timest is busy and not. Most weekends the beach is spaced you cannot get to the water.

Those horse business owners claim they have been picking up trash on the beach and organize cleanups for the area. Well good, we all should do this and my family and I do! You cant claim you are making a positive impact when you are still leaving Hot piles of feces, urine, and wet hay all over the beach. You traded one trash for a biodegradable trash. Now that isn't just polluting the area but leaving a horrendous smell too. Went from "Ok, I'll pick that trash up" to "Well, there's piles shit and piss all over the place and I cant breathe now"

We are fishermen, underwater hunters, snorkelers, kayakers, beach goers and want our beach back. I'm tired of it smelling like dirty hot horse stall.

I contacted them to ask directly what the hangup was and why there was so much push back by the community. I started out the conversation with

"I am NOT for the ban on the horses in the water, I support equal use of the beaches as long as we all 'leave no trace' " - Immediately he said, "Oh, you must be that guy I deleted all the posts from this morning" -

"Yes sir, Mr. Leland I am. I was wondering if we left a metal trashcan and a #12 scoop shovel out there if it would help with the cleanup?"

In the middle of the statement, he is already talking over me and yelling at me. Starts making wild claims and I need to "get my facts straight. I'm a ghost person sent to antagonize him. Not a real account. Horses don't make a mess and have no impact on the area they are in. I'm calling the police for you threatening harm to me and my horses. I'm reporting you. You better not write a story on me. There's one person working on this. For the whole county. She doesn't care. You need to listen to me!!!!!!!!!!!! F U I'm calling the cops. You said you are against the horses, I'm going to make your life a living hell"

Michael Bitler

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**Subject:** Please Save Horse Beach

Dear Commisioners,  
Janet Long, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, Dave Eggers, Karen Seel, and Kathleen Peters, I strongly urge you not to ban horses from the Bay.

Have you personally taken a ride on the horses to check out how much damage is really occurring? If not, then I wonder how you would be able to make a decision based on something you are unfamiliar with. I ask you to please take the time to experience the horse ride before you make it unavailable to the rest of us residents and visitors here in Pinellas County.

Boat props not horse hooves cause 85% of damage to our seagrass and also pollute the waterways more than other other current activity, besides government waste water systems. Thankfully there is more seagrass in Tampa Bay than ever before. The Bay is cleaner than it has been in over 50 years. That is an accomplishment to celebrate. The Bay has been getting cleaner all while there has been horseback riding in the Bay. There is no scientific evidence that these few horses have a damaging effect on our Bay.

Perhaps you might take a more moderate approach and license responsible, experienced Horseman Guides.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Love & Light,  
Bree Cheatham

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Good morning. The attached emails are in favor of amending the aquatic preserve ordinance.

Aides – copying you all as some of the emails were not sent to the BCC directly.

*Cyndi Simmons*, Executive Aide  
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Commissioner Karen Williams Seel - District 5 (2019 Chair)  
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Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch - District 7

**Subject** Horses at the sky way

**Message** Looking at aerial footage of the sky way from the east side and west side, it is very clear that the horse leave trails in the sea grass on the east where they ride, there are no trails on the west where they do not ride. And just to point out that in general horses leave trails on land on paths they frequently travel. Why would it be any different in the bat for the sea grass. These horses are having an impact on the sea grass and subsequent ecosystems, and thier owners do not seem to care about the excrement these horse produce in the water or on the beach. Our waters do not need any more waste added to the water to increase our risk of red tide which impacts everything from tourism to the ecosystems.

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**Your Street Address** 7109 bucks Ford dr

**City/Unincorporated County** Riverview

**ZIP Code** 33578

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Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch - District 7  
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**Subject** Ban Horses from Tampa Bay

**Message** I support the ban on horses in Tampa Bay and especially anywhere near 275. If am a life long resident of St. Petersburg and my dad was here since 1941 as a fisherman. In all that time I used to be and avid equestrian as well when horse stables existed on Starkey road. If you have ever seen the carnage of a horse vs vehicle incident, you know that the likelihood of a multiple vehicle accident will eventually happen due to the unpredictability of horses and the minimal control that operators of the horseback riding outfit have when the ratio is usually 2 to 3 professional handlers with up 5 to 6 customers and 5 to 6 horses. Ultimately, the ratio is 3 handlers to 12 people/horses. There is no way that in an emergency situation that 3 handlers can control all 12 individuals. There have already been several incidents of horses spooking and running through the groups of beach goers, fishermen, kites and people on jetskis. The operators had to rely on those other people on the beach to catch the horses, people who most likely had no previous experience with horses. While fishing I had an operator yell at me to move because she didn't want me casting my line near her horses. I was there first although by the time she walked straight out to me, she scared off the fish so there was no point in staying. Her horse pooped in the water and she made no attempt to pick it up when I told her to. I won't miss them at all. I grew up here and have always enjoyed going out to the skyway. Traditional water related activities have been enjoyed there for decades prior to the horses showing up. We all got along fine and have been good stewards for our area. We keep the area and safe. We are grateful that the ravers are gone and with them the trash, drug paraphernalia and irresponsible behavior. When the horses showed up, everyone was expected to accommodate them and the operators were openly hostile. They even had a kiter banned when they walked right out into their flight line and had no choice but to jump to avoid a collision and then had no way to get back. The horse outfitters do

not obey the right of way guidelines of boaters, sailors and kites and personally they should not be allowed on the water for that alone.

<b>Your Name</b>	Megan Donahue
<b>Your Street Address</b>	1885 Shore Drive South, Apt. 134
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	South Pasadena
<b>ZIP Code</b>	33707
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**Subject** HORSEBACK RIDING IN PRESERVE

**Message** Please no horseback riding in the aquatic preserve. We need our seagrass, clean water and access to available and clean swimming places. There's plenty of places on land to ride ride horses. I am against any form of pollution in our previous water so please support the ordinance to not allow horseback riding in the aquatic presette.  
 It might be fun... but not healthy for our water and seagrass and probably other things aswell.  
 Thank you.

**Your Name** Teresa Barbin  
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County Administrator

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**Subject** OPPOSE! Horseback Riding on public beaches.

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**Message** I would like to offer my strong support for an ordinance PROHIBITING horseback riding on land or in the waters of our public beaches. It's common sense that large volumes of manure and urine will breed bacteria and that large animals trodding through our sea grades are destroying said grasses that have taken decades to flourish. Please consider the needs of the general public and prohibit this commercial activity.

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**Your Name** Lucinda Johnston

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**Your Street Address** 348 11th Ave NE

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**City/Unincorporated County** St. Petersburg

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<b>Subject</b>	Equine Activity on Seagrass (Skyway)
<b>Message</b>	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I have seen firsthand the damage that the equine activity has done to the seagrass floor by the skyway. Not only does this damage the seagrass which affects our natural resources and tourism but the fecal matter that they dump and contribute to the water is disparaging for our whole community at large.</p> <p>Please move forward with your ban on the equine activity in our waterways. Any argument against the notion to ban is to the benefit of one family in the area. Our water and its overall health is of benefit to hundreds of thousands.</p> <p>thank you.</p>
<b>Your Name</b>	Alex Fox



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**Subject** I support the ordinance prohibiting horseback riding within the Aquatic Preserve

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**Message** I fully support the ordinance prohibiting horseback riding within the Aquatic Preserve. I want you to pass this ordinance.

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**Your Name** Thomas Clark

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**Your Street Address** 841 15th Ave N.

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<b>Subject</b>	In favor of ordinance banning equine activity at the skyway
<b>Message</b>	Hello We spend a lot of time with family on Skyway East beach. We can see from google maps lines where seagrass is disturbed exactly at the places horses are coming out to sand dune.  We also started to avoid swimming because of horse feces floating around. Unfortunately owners can't pick up everything after their horses.
<b>Your Name</b>	Ivan Fofanov
<b>Your Street Address</b>	3135 Grand Ave, Apt 401
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Pinellas Park
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**Subject** Please consider banning horseback riding from tampa bay

**Message** Horseback riding in tampa bay is damaging the seagrass and the owners are disrespectful of the water and beach. They do not clean up the horse poop and you can google earth the map of skyway and see the clear horse trail that has totally destroyed the seagrass. & ultimately the environment. Tampa bays water is already damaged enough it doesnt need horses contributing

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**Your Name** Joshua bertocci

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<b>Subject</b>	Horse Ban in water
<b>Message</b>	Please do not allow the horses to be in the water. The damage to seagrass and fecal matter in the water is not worth it for the bay. I support a ban of this.
<b>Your Name</b>	Kai Cox
<b>Your Street Address</b>	1400 46th Ave NE
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	St. Petersburg
<b>ZIP Code</b>	33703
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**Subject** Ordinance prohibiting horseback riding within the aquatic preserve system of Pinellas County

**Message** I myself have witnessed the deposit of an inordinate amount of horse fecal matter into our precious coastal waters. This makes no sense to allow this and does not adhere to the rules of addressing an aquatic preserve as a precious environmental resource as laid out by state rules. Please support the ordinance.

**Your Name** Lorraine Margeson

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**Subject** Hoseback riding ordinance

**Message** Thank you so much for considering the ordinance to prohibit horseback riding in aquatic preserves. I am 100% in SUPPORT of the Ordinance. I love horses and to be honest, this it is super cool to ride them in the water. BUT, an aquatic preserve is NOT the place to do it! The Tampa Bay community has worked SO HARD and invested SO MUCH (time, energy. money) to improve water quality in the bay and help seagrass recover. This work by the ENTIRE COMMUNITY should not be undermined to benefit very few residents and visitors and handful of businesses. Last weekend (after a period of no rain), I rode my bicycle along the skyway access road and the stench of horse urine and feces was overwhelming. If that much "waste" was on the beach, how much was in the water? I realize there are other sources of pollution and things that damage seagrass, but this one activity is so concentrated in one small area, it is having a noticeable negative impact. Thank you and your staff for addressing this problem. Although the decision to pass the ordinance will may be unpopular initially, it is the right thing to do Long Term to protect our bay and continue the progress we have made in restoring sea grass. Thank you for considering my comments.

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