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From: Greenleaf, Kim
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To: Board of County Commissioners Distribution Group; Twitty, Mike; BoardRecords,
Subject: BCC mail received regarding property taxes
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Attached please find two letters received today from Dianne Polaski, one address to MSTU taxing unit and the other to Tax Authority Hearing.

Board Records please add to correspondence received for the 9/26th 2nd PH for millage rates agenda item.

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CLERK OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PINELLAS COUNTY FLORIDA

2041 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
September 4, 2017

Chairperson
Municipal or MSTU:
Municipal Service Tax Unit, Palm Harbor Comm SVC
315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756-5165



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Thank you for considering my plea.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne E. Polaski".

Dianne E. Polaski
Parcel number: 13-28-15-00000-140-0300
Address: Above
Email: dpolaski@brighthouse.com

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