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Dr. Steven Currall, President  
University of South Florida  
4202 E. Fowler Avenue, CGS 401  
Tampa, FL 33620

Dear President Currall:

At our September 24<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners discussed the letter to you from Representative Ben Diamond regarding the preliminary blueprint for USF branch consolidation. His concerns that the blueprint doesn't follow recommendations from the Task Force to maintain distinct identities in USF branches is also a concern to our Commission.

He also expressed concerns that the preliminary blueprint does not comport with House Bill 7071, which was signed into law by the Governor of Florida. The Pinellas County Commission supports the concerns expressed by Representative Diamond.

We are proud to have USF St. Petersburg in Pinellas County. We are hopeful that discussion will occur to include the Task Force recommendations and House Bill 7071 in the blueprint.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Williams Seel".

KAREN WILLIAMS SEEL, Chair  
Pinellas County Commission