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Honorable Commissioners, The Tampa Bay Builders Association advocates on behalf of the people who build the American Dream of Homeownership. With over 1,200 members in Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, my role is to engage with local governments on policies and processes to ensure they are not contradictory, duplicative and punitive in nature. I'm reaching out to you today regarding the suspension of power discussion. Over my 20 years with TBBA, I've certainly seen many situations of miscommunication or disagreement in interpretations. We advocate for a transparent process outlined in writing and whenever possible, ensure those are uniform from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. I am very concerned that a single member of staff, in this case, the Purchasing Director can act unilaterally and place a suspension on a vendor. There are instances where a vendor may act out of compliance and red tags for that work is a common action. A full vendor suspension may be necessary in certain unusual situations. I'd recommend there be a process that is followed similarly to other jurisdictions where there are several ways for a vendor to work to fix a problem, etc. The best approach is a required approval by the County Commission and that is similar to what we see around the state. I'd be delighted to talk further about this situation and stand ready to provide any assistance to ensure good policy with your leadership is supported for all involved. Jennifer Motsinger Executive Vice President Tampa Bay Builders Association Advocating for those who build the American Dream of Homeownership

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