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**Attachments:** [BULK] ; CPonies; Horseback riding in the Bay. ; horses at the skyway bridge; Horses; CPonies; CPonies ; [BULK] Please do not ban horseback riding on the beaches; no horse bans...; CPonies in the Bay; Please do not stop horseback riding on the bay; [BULK] Skyway Bridge Horseban; Banning horses in the bay; [BULK] Please read

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**Subject:** [BULK]  
**Importance:** Low

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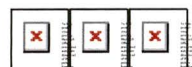
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**Subject:** Horseback riding in the Bay.

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*Gina P. Cooper*

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**Subject:** horses at the skyway bridge

Dear Commissioners,  
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First of all this is an amazing experience and a very important attraction to the Bay Area. I know this not only as an animal and water supporter but someone who has experienced this adventure first hand. I have grown up in the Tampa Bay Area and am an avid boater. I have been here since 1980 and would never support something that is a danger to this amazing coast. Therefore, I strongly urge you not to ban horses from the Bay. Horses in the Bay cause very few problems for the bay.

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My daughter and I had a once in a lifetime experience riding ponies in the bay. It is a disgrace that this is being targeted as a concern for the bay. There are many bigger and many more important issues that need your attention.

Amy Quinn  
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**Subject:** no horse bans...

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**Cc:** Carmen Hanson  
**Subject:** CPonies in the Bay

Dear Commissioners: Janet Long, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, Dave Eggers, Karen Seel, and Kathleen Peters

My wife and I have personally experienced the awesome ride of a lifetime within the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Bay made available by CPonies. You would be doing a grave disservice to the area by legislating this activity out of existence. The dual benefit of having rescue horses become tourist attractions by providing a once in a lifetime experience for young and old cannot be overlooked or underestimated. I am sure there are a myriad of other egregious pollution sources that affect the Bay and would be simpler to stamp out. The day we visited the area there was a disgusting amount of trash not more than 500 feet away from where we were being introduced to our guide and horses. A simple daily morning cleanup by city services would eliminate the probable outflow into the Bay. You might argue that people should not be dumping their trash in the area. And you would be correct. But there are a considerable number of our citizens and area visitors that have never been taught good stewardship thus, their waste will never be stopped no matter how many good intention multilingual signs are posted. The area where the CPonies were setup was by far the cleanest location. And why, mainly because they emphasized this to their customers and they took the time to police the trash out of their area prior to the arrival of their customers. Quite simply CPonies provides a meaningful and unique encounter and a waste removal service that the city has failed to adequately furnish themselves.

An additional point regarding disruption of the seagrass by the horses with us aboard. Our experience was one in which we had minimal interaction with any seagrass. The guide very skillfully negotiated our ride around said zones. It is our understanding that the folks at CPonies follow a very distinct, repetitive route that mitigates the interaction between the horses and the seagrass. The day we took our ride there was far more disruption by the Manatee present and human beach trash that made its way into the Bay then by any of us riding through the surf along the sandy underwater ridgelines and shallow pools through which we and the horses swam.

If you don't believe me, I suggest you take an unannounced morning drive to the area to see for yourselves. Better yet, book the experience for your family and let them guide your decision. Most important, do not prejudge based on incomplete knowledge.

Respectfully submitted by,

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**Cc:** CPonies Rides  
**Subject:** Please do not stop horseback riding on the bay

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This was by far one of the most exciting experiences my family and have been on. I cross the skyway at least once a week both ways and I see so many jet skiers and wind surfers that I find it very hard to blame the horses for any damage that "may" be happening to the sea grass! Our guides ensured they cleaned up after the horses but who is cleaning up after the people who use the same area for water sports? Who is examining the potential damage their watercraft is causing? To blame it on the horses is ridiculous and makes me believe that those who meet there to windsurf just want the horses out of the way so they have that area to themselves.

This is not only a great experience for us Floridians, great for the horses, but also for the many people visiting our beautiful areas. I ask you to reconsider banning horses in this area for these reasons and so many more.

Thank you in advance,  
Ashley E. Barrett

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**From:** Greg F. <gvfilek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 5:28 PM  
**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  
**Subject:** [BULK] Skyway Bridge Horseban  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** Timothy Sutton <sutton0272@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Banning horses in the bay

February was my first trip to Tampa. I drove down from Gordo, Alabama (639 miles) just to ride horses in the Bay. it was a great experience. so many people saw my pictures on fb and Instagram and are wanting to go with me on my next trip. I enjoyed it so much that I wanted to start a new tradition of doing this every February and bringing a group with me. it saddens me to learn that you want to ban the horses. You should be proud that companies like Cponies are recusing horses, training them and putting them to use within your county.

Thank you for your time,

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**Subject:** [BULK] Please read  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 4:08 PM  
**To:** Bachteler, James J  
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**Attachments:** Horse Ban near causeway bridge ; Please Save Horse Beach ; Re: [BULK] Horses; Horses are wonderful!!; Banning horseback riding in the Bay.; DO NOT BAN HORSES ON THE BEACH; Keep the beach horseback rides; DO NOT BAN HORSEBACKRIDING; Horseback Riding In Tampa Bay; Cponies near the Skyway Bridge; Protect the C-Ponies in the Bay ; Fwd: Cponies need your help!; Horses Banned at Skyway; [BULK] Horseback riding in the Bay by the Skyway Bridge; CPonies; sea ponies; horseback riding; C-Ponies; [BULK] Do not ban the ponies please!; Cponies; Horseback Riding in the Bay; Cponies; C-ponies; CPonies Rides in Tampa Bay; Beach Horseback Rides; horseback riding in Tampa Bay; [BULK] ; [BULK] Banning Horses in the Bay; Seagrass concerns and horse riding; Pinellas County Horseback Riding; [BULK] ; Please don't band c ponies ; Horseback Riding in the Bay; C-Ponies; CPonies ; C Ponies; CPonies; re. CPonies; Please do not ban the horses ; Cponies and Sea Grass; CPONIES; Dear Commisioners; [BULK] Ponies don't kill sea grass they bring joy; CPONIES; [BULK] ; [BULK] Horses; Pinellas county is trying to ban horses on the Skyway bridge causeway; seagrass; Cponies; Banning horses from the Bay; [BULK] ; Horses-Please Review; Horses-please review; CPonies

**From:** Simmons, Cyndi M  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 3:09 PM  
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**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  
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**From:** Marilon Furman <furman12@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** Simmons, Cyndi M  
**Subject:** Re: [BULK] Horses

I think many people will be looking at this issue. They will be taking into account the environmental issues which have come about by a lack of movement on the part of YOUR commission, and deflecting it onto and making innocent horses the villains. Eyes are upon you, and hopefully, some common sense will prevail. People that live in this state are tired of political crap that leaves out the things that make our state and area special, and promotes that which lowers the beauty and steps on the special!

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From: Simmons, Cyndi M <csimmons@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
To: Marilon Furman <furman12@verizon.net>  
Sent: Mon, Oct 14, 2019 11:07 am  
Subject: RE: [BULK] Horses

On behalf of the Pinellas County Commission, thank you for your email and your interest in the upcoming public hearing amending the ordinance protecting the Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve system.

Your passion and interest are appreciated. Your comments will be included in the public record for this item, scheduled to be heard on October 22, 2019. Scheduled public hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks.

*Cyndi Simmons  
Executive Aide to Commissioner Karen Williams Seel, Chair  
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I would wager that your lack of efforts to help make the bay cleaner by letting sludge and crap flow into the Bay does MORE damage than any horse could do. People would rather see horses in the Bay than any of the other crap you send into that beautiful water on any given day. Shame on you for blaming your lack of taking care of the environment on these beautiful animals! Just another reason you should all be voted out. You have shown time and again that your priorities are not to making this area look better and safer, but to line your own pockets.

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**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  
**Subject:** Horses are wonderful!!

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Banning horseback riding in the Bay.

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** DO NOT BAN HORSES ON THE BEACH

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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**Subject:** Keep the beach horseback rides

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**Subject:** DO NOT BAN HORSEBACKRIDING

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**To:** Long, Janet C  
**Cc:** Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horseback Riding In Tampa Bay

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 1:43 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Protect the C-Ponies in the Bay

Dear Commisioners,

I strongly urge you NOT to ban horses from the the Bay. These horses cause very few problems "if" any issues to the bay compared to Red Tide along the shores on an annual basis. The C-Ponies is not only a rehabilitation for the horses, it is very therapeutic for those with chronic pain and PTSD (I know because I am a a 100% disabled Veteran) with these and more disabilities and I have recommended the C-Ponies to several of my fellow Veterans.

This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater has to offer; without the fuels that boats and jet skies pollute the water with. Florida is known for thousands of tourists visiting our beaches from all over the world; however, there are multiple beaches to choose from and when Red Tide sets in, rehabilitation events/rides such as C-Ponies in the Bay, allows tourists another option from yet another beach in our state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities and venues.

Before I chose to venture on the C-ponies, my husband and I read the reviews and according to the travel site, it is one of the number one attractions in the Bay Area. I believe you should also read these reviews before making judgement on such a therapeutic and adventurous ride in the Bay. This is a once in a lifetime experience and I look forward to taking my grandsons (10 and 4) on this adventure once they return from Hawaii (with their parents whom are both serving our great Nation).

Once again, I cannot stress enough, how calm and therapeutic the C-Ponies had on me; my husband was even amazed and was pleased to donate to their cause.

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Perhaps you might take a more moderate approach and license responsible, experienced Horseman Guides; rather than cancel this program all together.

Respectfully,

Mrs. D. Fanning, LTC (R)

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horses Banned at Skyway

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Cponies near the Skyway Bridge

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Best Regards,

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**Subject:** Fwd: Cponies need your help!

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 1:17 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; cponies1@gmail.com; Betts, Cheryl A  
**Subject:** [BULK] Horseback riding in the Bay by the Skyway Bridge  
**Importance:** Low

Dear Commissioners,

I have learned that the County is considering banning the horseback riding attraction in the Bay by the Skyway Bridge. If your concern is the tiny bit of waste the horses produce, I urge you to compare this negligible amount of waste to the value of this amenity to those, residents and visitors alike, who make beautiful, lifelong memories riding these magnificent animals in such a breathtaking setting. Surely, anyone observing this area from above would see an endless line of pollution-producing motor vehicles adjacent to the natural beauty of the horses gracing our shores, and marvel at the wholesomeness of the horses compared with the "gas guzzlers" on the road.

Many, many people make lifelong memories enjoying this attraction on our shores. I hope you will agree that such a natural experience far surpasses roller coasters, casinos, and mini-golf in terms of "quality of life" experiences, which I trust you endeavor to support in Pinellas County.

I implore you to support this attraction and abandon any thought of banning it from our area. You will be paying our County a great service in so doing.

Sincerely,

Gary Betts  
Saint Petersburg, FL



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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 12:51 PM  
**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  
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**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  
**Subject:** sea ponies

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My name is Janell and I am from Wisconsin. My family was in FL last March and we had such a fabulous time on these beautiful horses!! It was the most amazing thing I have ever done and would do it again in a heartbeat!! Now, I will tell you I am blind and these people were so accommodating and very responsible. I hope this remains open because I would for sure do it again!!!

Thank you, Janell Groskreutz

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** horseback riding

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; kwelch@pinellascounty.or  
**Subject:** C-Ponies

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**To:** Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** [BULK] Do not ban the ponies please!  
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I went there this past July with my family . We had such a good time and are already looking forward to doing it again next year. The staff is very knowledgeable and nice. The horses are very well taken care of. To the extent that the girls brush and condition their tails and put sunscreen on them.

Please don't take this away from people who love horses and especially from a woman who runs this business with horses she has rescued

Sincerely  
Kathy Cordes

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**From:** Kathy Lytle <klytle40@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 11:07 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** C-ponies

Dear Commisioners

Janet Long, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, Dave Eggers, Karen Seel, and  
Katheen Peters,

On September 16, 2019, my husband and I enjoyed a wonderful ride with C-ponies in the Bay. It was a lifelong dream of mine to be able to ride a horse in the ocean like that. Everything about the ride was enjoyable, and we would love to be able to ride there again some day. We are among many tourists who bring considerable financial gain to your area!

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Thank you for reconsidering your decision on this matter.

Kathy Lytle  
Fishers, Indiana

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**From:** Kathy Eustis <kathye123@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** keustis@tampabay.rr.com  
**Subject:** CPonies Rides in Tampa Bay

Dear commissioner,

My family and I went on an excursion to ride the horses in Tampa Bay this summer. We did it to celebrate my niece's birthday. It certainly was a once in a lifetime event that we are already talking about doing again!

I understand that there is concern that the horses are pounding down the sea grass. Don't humans have the same effect when we walk through sea grass? What about boat and jet ski propellers or other water sports?

I do not see how 20 horses (even 100 if you consider other vendors) are doing irreparable damage to the sea grass or the environment.

This activity is a unique offering for locals and tourists alike. Please allow it to continue into the future, especially with the beautiful backdrop of the Skyway bridge!

Kathy Eustis

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Beach Horseback Rides

Dear Commissioners Janet Long, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, Dave Eggers, Karen Seel, and Kathleen Peters:

I strongly urge you not to ban horses from the bay. Horses in the bay cause very few problems for the bay. When I heard that this was even a consideration from the local government - my first thought was it sounded like an overreach by bored politicians.

Why not focus all the other issues plaguing the bay and ocean - like millions of gallons of raw sewage being dumped in the bay, boat anchors and props damaging hundreds of acres of sea grass and ALL the other issues plaguing our waters right now - BEFORE focusing on such a tiny and natural "problem" like horse manure or "damage" done by horse hooves.

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I, and many others, love the Cponies and enjoy having activities like this that aren't powered by gas, fuel and pounds of garbage like most of the activities offered in your area. Can you provide proof that ANY of those activities are LESS damaging to the bay, the ocean, or the environment in general?

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My husband and I vacationed in Anna Maria Island over the summer, and the thing we were most excited about doing while we were in the area - because it was a unique offering that we couldn't find anywhere else - was swimming with the horses in Palma Sola Bay. The experience was truly incredible, and something we would specifically come back for again and would highly recommend to others. The horses were treated well and the owners do amazing things to rescue and rehabilitate these horses, which may not be possible without the revenue that comes from us tourists. Horses' diets consist entirely of hay, grass, and sweet feed - their waste is not a health hazard any more than the countless number of marine life that lives in the bay. If horseback riding in the bay was banned, I can honestly say that we would have no reason to return to this area to vacation over any other gulf beach in Florida.

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Perhaps you might take a more moderate, reasonable approach and only license responsible and experienced Horseman Guides. Don't negatively affect small businesses in your area, take away a unique tourist attraction, and most importantly stop the rescue and rehabilitation of these beautiful draft horses.

Sincerely,

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**Deidra Thomas Rump**

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**From:** Boyette, Becky <bboyette@gcswarriors.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:44 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** horseback riding in Tampa Bay

Dear Commisioners  
Janet Long, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, Dave Eggers, Karen Seel, and Kathleen Peters,

This past summer my daughter and I enjoyed the breathtaking experience of riding horses in your beautiful Tampa Bay. She is STILL talking about that incredible experience. We drove almost 3 hours from Orlando to spend the day in Tampa Bay, and we were awed by the beauty of your community. While there we stopped for lunch, bought gas, and some souvenirs. We would be highly likely to do so again, just to come ride these beautiful horses.

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It seems extremely misguided to target horses when you allow boats, sewage, kite surfing and all sorts of far less natural encroachments in your waters.

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Becky Boyette  
Grace Christian High School  
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**From:** Maggie Brock <maggie.brock@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:45 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  
**Subject:** [BULK]  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** Noelle <noelle.fairclough@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:37 AM  
**To:** Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat  
**Subject:** [BULK] Banning Horses in the Bay  
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**From:** bronteluv@cfl.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:36 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen  
**Subject:** Seagrass concerns and horse riding

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Personally, our family was super impressed by the intentional efforts CPonies staff made to keep the environment pristine and intact during our experience. We only wish all beachgoers were as mindful to be as cautious cleaning up after themselves, being careful with their recreation usage on shore and in water, etc. After seeing first hand, the extreme efforts CPonies made to make a positive mark in this community, it is ridiculous to even consider that these few horses are the cause of your concern. It could even be considered ignorant to place blame here and turn a blind eye away from many other potential causes.

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Pinellas County Horseback Riding

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**From:** Laureen Druker <laureendruker1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:27 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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I personally have taken my son to Cponies, and the way they treat the horses, environment and experience is one of a kind. It would be a terrible thing to see this taken away.

Sincerely,  
Laureen Druker

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**From:** Jamie Meurell <meurelljamie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Please don't band c ponies

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I come out every year to Florida just to do this c ponies adventure!

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**From:** Mike Cieslak <cieslak\_mike@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horseback Riding in the Bay

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** C-Ponies

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As a former Pinellas county resident, I would like to see everyone use our beaches now and for years to come. I am also a fierce defender of the environment. I can hardly see how horses could cause measurable damage to seagrass, and this seems like a ruse to force the horses out by some other party. Please evaluate this issue fairly and require reasonable, scientific evidence regarding environmental damage verified by an unbiased, qualified party.

C-Ponies was an experience of a lifetime joining two truly Florida activities, horses and the beach. It would be very sad to see this go.

Thank you,

Greg Holder  
440-463-2526

----- Form letter from C-ponies that I wholeheartedly endorse:

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Please do not ban the horses

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**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  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 9:46 AM  
**To:** Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat  
**Subject:** [BULK] Ponies don't kill sea grass they bring joy  
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**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  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Pinellas county is trying to ban horses on the Skyway bridge causeway

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 9:25 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  
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**From:** Linda Schumacher <two.shoesls@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 9:19 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Banning horses from the Bay

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**To:** Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** [BULK]  
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**From:** Alison Strawser <alisonk3589@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 9:17 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Horses-Please Review

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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**From:** Simmons, Cyndi M  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 10:03 AM  
**To:** BoardRecords,  
**Subject:** Emails for10/22/19 #41  
**Attachments:** C Ponies; Horses in the bay ; Ban on Horses in the Bay; DO NOT BAND HORSE in the Bay; Horseback riding in the bay; C Ponies - St. Petersburg; Seagrass; [BULK] ; Horseback Riders on Tampa Bay ; Horseback Riding; Proposal to ban horses on the Skyway bridge causeway; saving C Ponies; Re. Banning horses in the Bay; Sea Ponies; Sea grass and horses; Horse riding in the bay. ; [BULK] Please Don't Ban The Horses ♥; [BULK] ; Do NOT Ban Horses from the Skyway; Should I return to Florida?; Fwd: Beach Horses; Fwd: Cponies need your help; CPonies; Horse rides in the bay.; C Ponies; C Ponies; Public Comment- Horse Ban Review; Horse Ban on Skyway Bridge Causeway; Horse Ban on Sunshine Skyway Bridge Causeway; [BULK] ; Horses on the beach; Horse back riding at the beach; PLEASE give C-Ponies a try before you make any decisions; Do not ban horses!; Horses in the Bay; Cponies need your help; Please focus on the real problems with keeping our waters clean, not banning Cponies; Horse Ban in the Bay; Seagrass; Save the Ponies; Horses in the Bay; Don't Stop Cponies; Horses ; Horses at Beach access; Horses on the Bay Ban; Seahorses should continue; Horses on the Bay ; Skyway Bridge Horses; Save the ponies ; cponies; C Ponies; Please do not ban horses from the Bay; CPonies; CPonies - such a wonderful experience.; Licensing and limitations to horses in the Bay; Horse ban on Skyway Beaches; [BULK] Do not ban C-ponies!!; Horses in the Bay; [BULK] Horses on the beach; Fwd: Cponies need your help; Horse back riding in Tampa Bay; Cponies need to Stay!; CPonies; Keep horseback riding in the bay; DON'T BAN HORSES in the BAY; Do not ban horseback riding.; Swimming with the ponies!; Cponies need your help!; Horseback riding in the bay; Horses in the Bay; Please Keep Equine Tourism Afloat in St.Pete/Clearwater bay; Cponies; [BULK] Horseback riding in the Bay; [BULK] ; Keep the Horses in the bay; Aquatic Equine Tourism; [BULK] ; Horseback riding in the bay; Horses on the Beaches; Horseback riding in the Bay Area ; CPonies; C Ponies; Horseback riding in the bay; Don't ban horses from skyway causeway; Horseback riding on the beaches is part of what makes these beaches great!

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 8:47 AM  
**To:** ;  
**Subject:** C Ponies

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I was a recent visitor to FL and C Ponies and I have to say their adventure was the highlight of our trip. I find it very disappointing that you would consider limiting a natural, non-polluting agribusiness like this. It's legislation like this that keeps sending your taxpayers to our state. While that benefits me, I hope you will seriously consider using some common sense and allow this young business to thrive!

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Ban on Horses in the Bay

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My husband and I had the privilege of riding horses in the bay on our honeymoon and it truly was a one of a kind experience. I urge you not to ban horses from the bay as I would love for others to continue to experience this in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amanda Landers

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 8:24 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  
**Cc:** cponies1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** DO NOT BAND HORSE in the Bay  
  
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This is a great group C-PONIES> This is one of the reasons to come to FL. For the amount of time these horses are in the water, I am sure they aren't killing the sea grass one hoof at a time. Where we rode there wasn't any. The amount of pleasure and fun time for 1 hr. in the water was amazing. Since I am a FL resident and a NY resident and experienced horse rider this is the dream of many non-riders and experience riders to ride in the Gulf or Ocean. I hope you reconsider and put your concern on other places – like RED TIDE.

Thank you , Patience Reagan

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 8:18 AM  
**To:** Welch, Kenneth; Jennifer Webb; Brandes Jeff; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C  
**Subject:** Horseback riding in the bay

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandesjeff@flsenate.gov; jenniferwebb@myfloridahouse.gov; kwelch@pinellasscounty.org  
**Subject:** C Ponies - St. Petersburg

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Please consider this incredible experience and ensure C Ponies can continue. I sincerely thank you.

Warmest regards,

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**Subject:** Seagrass  
  
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Owner of 2 horses and 5 vessels,  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** [BULK]  
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In my winter vacations, riding the beautiful horses on the beach is the highlight of my time in Florida. Please reconsider Banning them from the beach.

The last time I went riding I took my 80 year old aunt with. As she said it was an experience of a lifetime.

Thank you for your time,  
Carrie Fiske

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horseback Riders on Tampa Bay

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horseback Riding  
  
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My daughter and I went riding together earlier this year with C Ponies. We agreed that we will want to do this many more times in the future, and we are recommending going riding to all our friends!

Thank you for your time and attention,  
Sally Meyer

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 6:44 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Proposal to ban horses on the Skyway bridge causeway  
  
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Dear Commissioners;

I understand you are discussing on banning horses on the Skyway bridge and I am asking you not to.

We visit the area every winter and this year my husband surprised me with an excursion with CPonies for my 65th birthday. It was an amazing experience in so many ways.

Their horses are gorgeous Gypsy Vanners that are all rescue horses that have recovered so well because they love their jobs and are thriving from being in the ocean every day and having a fun job to do. I encourage you to go and visit them at the beach and see what beautiful calm animals they have become. We understood some were in such rough shape when they were rescued that they weren't sure if they would survive but they did, and they are thriving! That was the reason my husband chose CPonies excursion for us because he knew it would make my experience even more special because they were rescued.

We were astounded at the amazing shape they were in and the fact that they were so calm and easy to ride. Most people who go on the excursion are not experienced riders but the horses are so calm and well behaved everyone in our group thoroughly enjoyed it! Our guide was very efficient in making sure we all understood safety issues and what to expect on our ride so they were very professional.

Our horses walked slowly out to a sand bar and then swam part of the way back so I don't think they would have nearly as much impact on the sea grass as the boats would. I have always been a horse lover and spent time when I was younger riding whenever I could. I can truly say that they love what they do. They put their noses in the water and blow bubbles!! I wish you would go and experience it. My husband is not a rider and smiled the whole ride! It was the highlight of our trip this year for sure!!!

We aren't Florida residents and had never heard of CPonies until my husband found their information online. We just think that it would be a shame to shut down such an amazing business. I am sure it has been a highlight to many peoples visit to the area. It certainly was ours!

One of the most important issue here to me, is without the revenue and donations from their excursions, CPonies wouldn't be able to fund the rescue and support of these beautiful animals and give them such a fun healthy job that in turn, brings them back to being healthy happy horses. Also, the jobs that these tour companies have created for your county residents are important and that shouldn't be overlooked. I also think that it is such a positive experience for both tourists and local people. We talked to one local couple on our tour and they were saying it had been on their bucket list for a long time!

We so look forward to visiting your beautiful area every year and hope you don't put a stop to such a unique experience for everyone to enjoy!

Thank-you for taking the time to consider our opinion before you make a decision.

Gary and Lynda Martyn

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**From:** Emilie Reed <emilie.bree.reed@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** saving C Ponies

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Personally, my ride with the CPonies was one of the best experiences of my life and I have recommended this to other tourists. It would be a loss if this opportunity went away.

Sincerely,  
Emilie Reed

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**From:** Ruth <ruth@rhmeans.com>  
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**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  
**Subject:** Re. Banning horses in the Bay  
  
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Hello.

I've been informed that due to sea grass issues- banning horses is being bandied about as a possible solution. Please use informed judgement in deciding this. I saw personal mounts and a rent string while at the beach and saw only good stewardship of the area.

My two relatives and myself bought supplies, paid toll, gas, etc . We purposely went to your Bay to experience horses in the water - thereby adding to your local economy.

Please reconsider Equine banishment or limited access. Not a sound idea in policy nor economics.

Thank you.  
Ruth Means

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 4:06 PM  
**To:** Gerard, Pat; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Peters, Kathleen; Justice, Charlie  
**Subject:** Sea Ponies  
  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Sea grass and horses

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Riding with CPonies was one of the best experiences of my life. They were totally professional and very respectful of the environment. I have told at least a dozen friends about CPonies and a good portion of them are planning on coming to the St Pete/Clearwater area in order to experience CPonies too. I can't imagine that a few horses could be that harmful. Considering the joy they bring to people and the revenue they help bring to the area, there must be a more moderate solution other than banning the horses. Please work towards that solution. Thank you very much!

Respectfully, April Smith

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**To:** Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat  
**Subject:** [BULK] Please Don't Ban The Horses ♥  
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This was such an amazing experience for my family. Don't take it away. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Steven Kessler



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**From:** Kimberly Freedman <kfreedman@consult42.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 3:19 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Do NOT Ban Horses from the Skyway  
  
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As far as the poop problem goes, I'm quite certain that there are more dolphins pooping in the bay than horses and many horse trail studies show that horse poop poses little to no health risk to humans. I also suspect it has fewer phosphates than the run off for the fertilized golf courses you allow in the summer while restricting private home owners.

I have ridden with CPonies and it is a beautiful tourist experience. There are few enough places in Florida you can enjoy a horse on the beach and Pinellas Country should keep ours.

Sincerely,

Kim Freedman  
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St Petersburg, FL 33703

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Should I return to Florida?

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**From:** Julie Vitalie <reddjewl@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 2:41 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Fwd: Beach Horses

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Please oppose any legislation that would prohibit CPonies on the St. Petersburg beach. In dealing with my daughter's recent death, nothing was more therapeutic and psychologically liberating than my experience with that company. I was amazed at their humane and considerate care of the horses and their environment. You only have to experience this event yourself to validate and honor my request.

Thank you for all you do for Florida and its residents.

Most sincerely,

Julia M. Vitalie  
Moro, IL

Odessa, FL  
Winter resident

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cponies need your help  
  
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Dear Commissioners,

My husband and I participated in this activity while we were in Florida last year and thoroughly enjoyed it. They were extremely sensitive to the environment and do a good service in adopting horses as well as providing a family activity that is unusual. I did my student teaching in the Bradenton Schools many years ago and enjoyed returning and have friends who have relocated to Bradenton from Ohio, so I have ties to this area and memories of many trips down this road to the beach while student teaching.

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With hopes of reconsidering,

Marian J Brainerd  
Springboro, OH

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**Date:** Sat, Oct 12, 2019 at 5:47 PM  
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Dear fellow cponie riders,

We desperately need your help!

Pinellas county is try to ban horses from the skyway bridge causeway.

We beg you to help us. I am including a letter to send to the county commissioners. Please email them, include why you visit fl. and let them know you all want the horses to stay!

Email Pinellas County Commissioner and tell them not to ban horseback riding.

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Step 3:

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 1:51 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** C Ponies

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 12:40 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Public Comment- Horse Ban Review

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Visiting these horse was the only reason we came to the area- tourism and area revenue and tax dollars should have precedence over possible loss of seagrass.

Concerned FL resident

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horse Ban on Skyway Bridge Causeway

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Dear Pinellas County Commisioners,

We travel to the St. Pete/Clearwater Beach area each spring to visit my parents and my husband's father. My husband is great at seeking out new and different things to do in the area that are a bit off the beaten path - not just fishing, laying on the beach, shopping, dining out, etc. (We do that too!)

Last spring we gave C Ponies a try and had a very memorable experience riding horses under the beautiful Sunshine Skyway Bridge.

I was made aware recently that you are considering a ban on horses on the Skyway bridge causeway. This would be a shame and the loss of a great family-friendly experience for travelers to your area.

I strongly urge you not to ban horses from the Bay.

I cannot imagine that the hoofs from horses damage the seagrass more than props from the thousands of boats that travel through the area?

According to research, there is more seagrass in Tampa Bay than ever before, and the Bay is cleaner than it has been in over 50 years. This is great news and a reason to celebrate, not ban a family friendly activity that attracts many tourists to the area.

A ban sounds like a very liberal approach to an unsubstantiated problem. I hope you would consider a more moderate approach and just require that the horse guides be licensed. This would be a benefit for the tourists because they know they are getting a safe and reputable guide, as well as probably eliminate any unreputable guides who might be causing the damage out there.

Thank you!

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I have personally seen first hand the care that CPonies takes to ensure that the sea grass isn't disturbed.

They also clean up after their horses on land and in the water.

They are careful of the marine life and the delicate marine ecosystems.

Please reconsider the ban and perhaps find a way to regulate responsible horse tour guide companies.

This experience was truly a highlight of my visit to Tampa. I'd hate for others to miss an opportunity at enjoying just one of the many wonderful things your city has to offer.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sheridan

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 12:00 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horses on the beach

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Please don't take away such an awesome adventure for people. This is a one and a life time experience.

-Deana Redden

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**To:** Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes, jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C  
**Subject:** Horse back riding at the beach  
  
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My friends and I enjoy taking our horses to the beach and love the fact that the beach is not too far of a drive for us. People love seeing the horses and come up to pet them and take pictures with them. One lady even said we made her day just by seeing them and petting them when we last took them out there! There are many studies coming out proving how therapeutic horses truly are and being a certified therapeutic riding instructor I can tell you this is true. I am working on creating a program for horse therapy with veterans and would love to bring the horses and veterans to the beach for sessions but if you ban horses on the beach I will not be able to do that. Taking my horse to the beach helps to balance my mind and i feel so refreshed when I leave! Even my horse is because he loves the water!

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Perhaps there can be some sort of compromise vs just banning it all together?

I have attached a picture of my horse and myself on the beach getting attention from some beachgoers to show how much others love seeing the horses on the beach. Some of these people will never see a horse in person again and are grateful for the opportunity to see them in the

Sincerely,

Carla Danesi

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 11:42 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** PLEASE give C-Ponies a try before you make any decisions  
  
**Importance:** High  
  
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Dear Commissioners,

Here is another letter urging you not to ban horse riding excursions from Tampa Bay. Not only is this fun, family-friendly outing a great attraction, horses are a truly green mode of transportation - so in 12 years more people will have a leg up on riding them.

For many people, riding a horse in saltwater is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Horses really do have profoundly therapeutic, calming effect, in addition to being just plain fun. It is quite a sight to see the gentle, giant Gypsy Vanners being ridden in our beautiful waters off the Skyway approach. (By the way, the gals who run this operation are related to the man who helped save the Lipizzan breed of horses during WWII, who brought them to the US in the early sixties)

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“With over 113,000 jobs and a robust \$6.8 billion in total impact, equines continue to have a notably greater economic impact than our signature spring baseball training. The study clearly supports the train of thought that the Florida thoroughbred business, along with our entire equine industry, are not only worth preserving but supporting and growing as well. Florida is most fortunate to have such an industry and agri-business already well established within its borders just as we Floridians are fortunate to live and work here,” Powell said. With the fourth largest growth rate in the nation, land is at a premium in Florida. Agricultural operations like equine production preserve a significant amount of land. The latest report notes land owned or rented for horse-related purposes has increased to 717,000 acres. The preserved land, mostly in Central Florida, provides rural opportunities for city-bound Floridians and opportunities for diversity of tourism in the state. The report covers figures as of 2016.”

Many doubt that these few horses are damaging sea grass in the bay. They travel pretty much single file out to deeper waters using a sand-bottom underwater trail. Boat props, jet skis, kite surfers, sail boarders could do as much or more damage. And as for the manure - horses really don't 'go' all that frequently, it's not much worse than a manatee's, plus C-Ponies cleans up the beach area where the horses go. And seriously? Doesn't the dizzy city dump waste in the bay?



The weather is gorgeous now, the water not so warm (less chance of some godawful skin infection)  
I have heard gushing, glowing reviews from friends who say it is truly one of the best things they've ever done.

Please: Contact C-Ponies and go take a ride before you decide!

Thank you for reading this!

Lee Burgess

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St. Petersburg, FL 33703

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**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  
**Subject:** Do not ban horses!  
  
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Sincerely,

Amanda Fetzner  
HRIS Director  
Audibel Hearing Aid Center  
23988 US Highway 19 N  
Clearwater, FL 33765

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horses in the Bay  
  
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I always bring my guest to ride the C ponies.

Boats are a much bigger problem than the horses.

Thanks

Joann Zasoski

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 11:07 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  
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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:57 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Please focus on the real problems with keeping our waters clean, not banning Cponies

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Why not focus all the other issues plaguing the bay and ocean like the massive cargo liners, non fuel efficient boats and ALL the other issues plaguing our waters right now BEFORE focusing on such a tiny and natural "supposed" problem like horse poop?

I and many others love the Cponies and enjoying having activities like this that aren't "powered" by gas, fuel and pounds of garbage like most of the activities offered here in our area - you can't tell me that ANY of those are LESS damaging?

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horse Ban in the Bay

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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.

As a native Floridian and horse-lover, I feel that banning this activity will lose tons of revenue for Pinellas County and surrounding areas. Many people have put the horse swimming activity on their bucket list as it's advertised internationally!

I personally have been on one of these rides and it was amazing! There were those I met with diverse backgrounds including a young girl from the mid-west who was deaf and had looked forward to this ride for years!

I saw first-hand what little impact it has on the sea beds and, in fact, saw plenty of damage from motorboats and jet skis along the way.

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Seagrass

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**From:** Holly Adams <holly@nuovosalongroup.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:22 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  
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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:04 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horses in the Bay

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Dear Commisioners:

Janet Long, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, Dave Eggers, Karen Seel, and Kathleen Peters,

I am a Pinellas county resident. Please read this in it's entirety. I did not 'cut and paste' to make this a form letter for you to ignore.

I strongly urge you not to ban horses from the Bay.

Horses in the Bay do not cause problems for the bay. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater has to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there many beaches to choose from in our state. People come to our beeches because of all the additional activities and venues. In fact, Cponies is the number one attraction in this area according to travel sites. Read their reviews. For many people riding in the Bay is a once in a lifetime experience. I have ridden with them and seen the professional attention to safety, horse and environmental care they take on each and every ride.

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Thank you,

Lisa O'Loughlin  
230 N Tessier Drive  
St Pete Beach, FL

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Don't Stop Cponies

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 9:48 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  
**Subject:** Horses at Beach access  
  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horses on the Bay Ban  
  
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My wife and I are locals and we love the fact that we can do activities such as swimming with horses. The activities is what made us originally move here in the first place.

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 9:36 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; kwelch@p  
**Cc:** Carmen Hanson  
**Subject:** Seahorses should continue

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Good morning,

I received an email that you're considering banning Seahorses from the bay. I'd like to add my voice to support seahorses.

The answer to everything is not more legislation. I encourage you to avoid the trap of believing that if you don't pass government restrictions that you'll look like you're not doing your jobs.

I see it as quite the opposite, protecting your constituents freedoms and ability to run their businesses providing a wanted service IS your most important job.

Sometimes you have to stand against the vocal minority to defend the rights of the majority.

You could make the argument that almost everything people do causes damage to the environment. Cars, planes, boats, almost everything. However, where do you draw the line that the impact is so severe that it requires government restriction. I can't wrap my mind around the fact that this activity is so egregious that it must be stopped.

I took my daughter on this ride when she was 6 or 7 years old and she talks about it today.

I'd urge you to not pass this legislation.

Thanks,

Mike Hatmaker, Agency Owner  
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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 9:29 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Skyway Bridge Horses

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 9:21 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  
**Subject:** Save the ponies  
  
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I will add a personal experience - these CPpnies drew me to the area. We spent the night and spent money on food and the Dali museum. It would be an economic mistake to ban this practice in the bay.

That'll do.

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** C Ponies

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 8:58 AM  
**To:** Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Long, Janet C  
**Cc:** Jennifer M. Firlings  
**Subject:** Please do not ban horses from the Bay

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 8:45 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  
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I have personally taken all my visitors on this experience and it was a very safe and enjoyable time. The kids love it as well as the adults. In addition to the great time that is has by all, horses are being rescued and saved that provide the riding experience. This is a truly great result for saving horses and providing a unique experience for tourists and locals. This is a lifetime experience adventure and you can't let it be terminated. We need the CPonies and they need this experience and riders to save their lives. It's a win/win situation.

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Teresa J. Goldberg

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**From:** Terry Broomfield <brmfld@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 8:39 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  
**Subject:** CPonies - such a wonderful experience.  
  
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And such wonderful people caring for these horses.  
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Please reconsider.  
Thank you.  
Jacqueline Broomfield.

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**From:** Trish Murphy <trish234@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 8:39 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Licensing and limitations to horses in the Bay

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Dear Commisioner Seel,

I want to urge you not to limit rather than ban horses from the Bay. I feel strongly about this issue. Horses in the Bay cause very few problems for the bay. . This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater has to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there many beaches to choose from in our state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities and venues. There is so much to enjoy here, like horseback riding in the Bay. In fact, Cponies is the number one attraction in this area according to travel sites. Read our reviews. For many people riding in the Bay is a once in a lifetime experience. Horses have profoundly theraputic, calming effects as well as being fun.

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I have riden a couple of times and brought my friends who travel here to this venue. It was a blast.

Having been involved with the Bay's restoration and other salty endeavors, it is such a pleasure to now enjoy a clean bay.

Perhaps you might consider a moderate approach and begin to license responsible, experienced Horseman Guides. I chose Cponies every time I rode or entrusted friends to ride in the Bay.

Respectfully,

Patricia A. Murphy, PhD

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**From:** Mijadelsol <mijadelsol@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 7:41 AM  
**To:** Welch, Kenneth; Jennifer Webb; Brandes Jeff; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C  
**Subject:** Horse ban on Skyway Beaches

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,  
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**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 5:10 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse; Welch, Kenneth; Welch, Kenneth  
**Cc:** cponies@gmail.com  
**Subject:** [BULK] Do not ban C-ponies!!  
  
**Importance:** Low  
  
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Dear Commissioner,

I write to you on behalf of C-ponies. I live in Finland but C-ponies is the thing that brings my family to your area. This is an absolute attraction for my family and the mere idea of banning the riding there is not understandable.

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. Horses cause very little problems in the bay. The runoffs, trash, and constant sewer dumping from the city cause more damage. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

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Dr Krista Rantanen

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Krista Rantanen, PhD  
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**From:** Michele Halliwell <healingharmonies1111@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 12:10 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horses in the Bay

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As a visitor to Florida, the only reason why I came to the west coast of Florida was to ride the horses. It is a unique activity and I would travel there to do it again. Please do not get rid of the horses in the bay.

Thank you,  
Michele Halliwell

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 11:35 PM  
**To:** Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat  
**Subject:** [BULK] Horses on the beach  
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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 10:32 PM  
**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  
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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 10:19 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horse back riding in Tampa Bay

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Dear Commissioners Welch, Long, Eggers, Gerard, Justice, Seel, Peters, Brandes, and Webb,

I strongly urge you not to ban horses from the Bay. Horses in the Bay cause very few problems for the bay. . This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater has to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there many beaches to choose from in our state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities and venues. There is so much to enjoy here, like horseback riding in the Bay. In fact, CPonies is the number one attraction in this area according to travel sites. Read our reviews. For many people riding in the Bay is a once in a lifetime experience. Horses have profoundly therapeutic, calming effects as well as being fun.

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About the seagrass, 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 can have a damaging effect on our Bay. Boat props not horse hoofs cause 85% of damage to our seagrass.

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

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Fye  
St. Petersburg resident  
Supporter and Fan of CPonies.

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 9:38 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Cponies need to Stay!

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On Oct 12, 2019, at 3:02 PM, CPonies Beach Horseback Rides <[cponies1@gmail.com](mailto:cponies1@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear fellow cponie riders,  
We desperately need your help!  
Pinellas county is try to ban horses from the skyway bridge causeway.  
We beg you to help us. I am including a letter to send to the county commissioners. Please email them and let them know you all want the horses to stay!

Email Pinellas County Commissioner and tell them not to ban horseback riding.

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Step 3:

Copy and paste the following into the Address Line of your email:

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**From:** cwestenberg <cwestenberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 9:24 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** CPonies

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**From:** Linda Erickson <lindaerickson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 9:24 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Keep horseback riding in the bay

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Hi,  
I visit Florida every winter. One of the things I enjoy most in the St. Petersburg area is horseback riding in the bay. Allowing equestrians to ride the beaches all over the U.S. is a long overdue issue in many communities right now. The times are changing. Horseback riding along the beaches is working. The area I'm most familiar with: Indiana Dunes National Park 1100 Mineral Springs Rd Porter, Indiana 46304 Paul Labovitz Superintendent 219 395 1699  
Please do not put an end to this enjoyable pastime. Contact other communities to understand how it works well.  
Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,  
Linda Erickson  
155 S 500 W  
La Porte, IN 46350

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**From:** Morgan Online <morganonline1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 9:17 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** DON'T BAN HORSES in the BAY

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To: Pinellas County Commissioners

As a visitor to Florida, I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. Last year I came to your area expressly to ride the horses promoted by CPonies and sincerely believe the company does not cause an environmental problem to the bay. The CPonies brings in a very family-friendly element and this company, and ones like it, should be saved.

Horses and beaches are the dream of many tourist. I googled this exact wording and found CPonies. I have told many people about the marvelous time we had and so many were impressed and expressed interest in doing this safe and exciting adventure. This vision should be promoted by your area instead of extinguished.

I am appealing to your common sense and your relationship with the public to re-think the banning of horses in the Bay. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deb & Jim Morgan  
514 South 5th St  
Goshen, Indiana 46526  
574-214-5609  
574-533-2204

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Do not ban horseback riding.

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Thank you,  
Cathy Clark

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 8:21 PM  
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**Subject:** Swimming with the ponies!

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Please, some or all of these beautiful animals are rescues and they are healed in part by this therapy. I BEG of you to reconsider and go after the REAL polluters causing Algae blooms, red / brown tides killing our sea life. You just can't be serious thinking these few majestic beasts are a problem. Please reconsider.

The few times i've gone were the most beautiful, serene experiences i've ever had.

Thank you-  
Maureen Campbell

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 8:00 PM  
**To:** CPonies Beach Horseback Rides; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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**Subject:** CPonies need your help!  
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Hello, I rode with CPonies last February with my son. We had a wonderful time. An experience we will never forget. I feel strongly against this banning of riding in the Bay. These are gentle animals who don't interfere with any balance of nature in any way that I could see. Anything that they might leave behind is totally natural. If you want to ban anything - I would say anything with a motor on the waterways are polluting the waters and also several humans who just leave their garbage everywhere. Banning the horses is just a stupid thing to suggest. Please read more below.

Sincerely,  
Diane Zlomislic, Ontario, Canada

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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**From:** Raymond Miranda <parkslope1953@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 7:05 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Horses in the Bay  
  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Please Keep Equine Tourism Afloat in St.Pete/Clearwater bay

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Good Afternoon Commissioners -

It has come to my attention that Pinellas County is considering an ordinance to prohibit equine activities in the St. Pete/Clearwater bay. As a frequent tourist to this area I would like to respectfully request that such an ordinance not be enacted. The equine experience offered by CPonies and its colleagues are unique and a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. It is one of the main reasons I am returning to vacation in the area next month and again in January 2020. Many of my friends and family back home have expressed a keen interest in experiencing this ride since I brought it to their attention - they generally visit this area of Florida during the winter months and are looking forward to participating. It would be a terrible shame to deprive tourists and residents of this incredible experience that literally was the defining event of our visit last January. I'm sure this equine activity also provides tourism income and economic growth opportunities for the area, as it is an outstanding attraction that seems to garner a fair share of attention.

I certainly understand the concerns regarding seagrass preservation and appropriate stewardship of the environment. We, too, are careful of how our precious desert resources are used for recreation out West. It can be difficult and contentious at times. Yet, most generally agrees that a balance can and should be maintained.

However, it seems in this case that boat propeller scarring, dredging (to create canals/channels and to collect landfill sediment) and pollution such as sewage/industrial waste dumping are the leading causes of seagrass damage, not horseback riding. It is hard to understand how, in comparison, a handful of horses would have any kind of an adverse impact even close to what occurs due to these other overwhelmingly significant factors.

I sincerely hope some middle ground can be reached and that the beautiful sea ponies will continue to be present at the bay for all to enjoy. From my standpoint, tourists care about this issue and are paying attention. Please consider working towards an alternative that allows room for both habitat preservation and equine recreation. You have a valuable resource for your community in both.

Thank you for the work that you do on behalf of the County. I'm sure it can be challenging and difficult at times. But please know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

Best regards - Melinda Ellwanger, 1152 E. Carson Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 6:03 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Cponies

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**To:** Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat  
**Subject:** [BULK] Horseback riding in the Bay  
  
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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 1:53 PM  
**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  
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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Keep the Horses in the bay

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** Aquatic Equine Tourism

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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I would also let you know I personally made a trip to your area May 2017 to specifically ride the CPonies. It was a "Bucket " list that I wanted to do. I probably may not have made the trip to your area if the CPonies were not there.

But ....I will tell you now your beach goers are not the best.....they leave trash....dirty diapers....etc. so if you are going to ban a few horses....you really need to ban HUMANS. And while we are on that subject of pollution....what about all the BOATS .....LEAKING fuel...oil....exhaust.....bits of trash in their paths of tourism? Also ALL the cars running up and down the coastline emitting exhaust fumes into the air that settle into the ocean and absolutely have a serious impact on your water quality.

A few years back Missouri was going to ban horses from certain river crossings in southern Missouri. When the study was completed it showed it was not horse feces contributing to the pollution but in fact was human feces that was causing the pollution in the rivers.

I think you see my point. It would be a shame to single out horses, when there are much bigger issues to address before them.

Thankyou for your time to read my letter. I hope to ride your area again.

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A concerned southwest Florida resident.

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**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth  
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This has been on my bucket list for years for and I looked forward to coming to Florida from Chicago solely for riding horses in the ocean and was able to do this just a few weeks ago. I am already planning a trip back with friends.

**Kelly A. Tang**  
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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** C Ponies

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Hildegard Lindstrom  
Frequent Tourist to your area

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**Subject:** Don't ban horses from skyway causeway

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**Cc:** reedlinton@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Horseback riding on the beaches is part of what makes these beaches great!

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Dear sirs and madams --

Please do not ban horseback riding on the beach in Pinellas County.

Horseback riding predates the county. Horse droppings are not toxic to humans or pets. Horse hooves do not tear up the seabed.

Tourists love this attraction. Please do not let the crabby few overrule the rest of us.

Thank you

Amy Smith Linton  
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