



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

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May 17, 2011

Mr. Neil J. Gillespie  
8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop  
Ocala, FL 34481

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Thank you for contacting Commissioner Putnam to share your concerns with the Florida Office of Financial Regulation (OFR). He has requested that I contact you on his behalf.

Commissioner Putnam agrees that politics have no role in determining the future of a financial institution and believes that consistent regulation of our state's financial institutions will provide for the growth and stability of sound community banks and thrifts. Please know that it remains of paramount importance to the Commissioner that Florida's financial institutions receive fair and equal treatment among regulators – whether State or Federal.

The Commissioner has directed me to make sure your concerns are brought to OFR's attention and properly addressed.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact our Cabinet Affairs Office at (850) 617-7747.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooke R. McKnight".

Brooke R. McKnight  
Deputy Cabinet Affairs Director

cc: Linda Charity, Director  
Division of Financial Institutions  
Office of Financial Regulation