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Re: State of Emergency on Red Tide for Tampa Bay

The undersigned respectfully request you immediately declare a state of emergency for the ongoing red tide and fish kill occurring in Tampa Bay. Such a declaration would help coordinate and fund relief efforts to mitigate further environmental and economic damage from red tide in the region.

Red tide produces toxic chemicals that harm marine wildlife and humans. The ongoing, widespread red tide and fish kills have unreasonably interfered with the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Florida, causing harm to its environment and fragile ecosystems in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties.

Therefore, we ask you exercise your authority, as the Governor of Florida, vested by the Florida Constitution and the Florida Emergency Management Act to issue an executive order declaring a state of emergency due to red tide in Tampa Bay.

Sincerely,

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