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The Honorable Adam H. Putnam  
Commissioner of Agriculture  
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Plaza Level 10, The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800

Re: Statewide Apiculture Agricultural Classification Guidelines

Dear Commissioner Putnam:

The Florida Association of Property Appraisers ("FAPA") hereby confirms its endorsement of the attached agreed upon guidelines pertaining to the ad valorem assessment and classification of apiary properties. These guidelines are set forth in the attached document titled "Apiculture Agricultural Classification Guidelines." The purpose of the guidelines are to assist property owners and Property Appraisers in determining requirements of being a "bona fide commercial" apiculture use of the land.

These guidelines were developed with the cooperation of interested and important stakeholders, such as the Florida State Beekeepers Association ("FSBA"), and were finalized after receiving valuable input from the scientific community, including several entomology professors from the University of Florida. It was agreed by all parties that these guidelines were important to support the bee industry in Florida and to ensure their fair and equitable assessment by our members.

Lastly, FAPA reaffirms its commitment to a continued collaboration with all interested stakeholders.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Regards,

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President, FAPA