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CHIEFLAND, FL – At the January 9th, 2025 Alachua County Legislative Delegation Hearing, Representative Chad Johnson (R-Chiefland) will request his motion to consider draft legislation related to Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), be tabled for future consideration by the delegation.

Representative Chad Johnson stated, “In the name of transparency, my office shared a draft of legislation with the members of the Alachua County Legislative Delegation along with notes to explain the provisions of the proposed bill. The legislative intent of the proposed bill is to improve language and provide greater clarity about the existing HB 1645. We believe that HB 1645 is indestructible as it has survived all previous court challenges to this point. GRU shared concerns from bond issuers and a portion of the proposed bill was designed to instill confidence in the GRU authority. Due to time constraints and bill filing deadlines, I felt this was the most opportune time to consider the proposed bill. I am fully confident that HB 1645 will withstand all current and future legal challenges and I have chosen to table the discussion for now to get greater input from all stakeholders involved, so that we can all move forward together to build the strongest possible utility for the ratepayers.”

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