

**IN THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL  
STATE OF FLORIDA**

JOSE OLIVIA, in his  
official capacity as Speaker of the  
Florida House of Representatives, et al.,

Appellants,

CASE NO. 1D18-3141  
LT CASE Nos. 2015-CA-001423  
2015-CA-002682

v.

FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION,  
INC., et al.,

Appellees,

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY TO APPELLANTS  
LEGISLATIVE PARTIES' RESPONSE TO WATERKEEPERS  
FLORIDA'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF  
IN SUPPORT OF APPELLEES**

Amicus Curiae Waterkeepers Florida respectfully requests leave to file a brief Reply to Appellants Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, President of the Florida Senate, and the Florida Legislature (Appellants) Response in Opposition to Waterkeepers Florida's Motion for Leave to File Amicus Curiae Brief in Support of Appellees. The Appellees Florida Wildlife Federation and Florida Defenders of the Environment did not object to this filing. Appellant Secretary and Department of Environmental Protection did object to this filing. Other parties have yet to respond as of the date of this filing.

Waterkeepers Florida’s Reply would address the following: (1) Appellants’ mischaracterization that Waterkeepers Florida is “little more than an alter ego of St. Johns Riverkeeper;” Resp. ¶ 1; (2) Appellants’ allegations regarding the independent existence of the Waterkeepers Florida Regional Entity; Resp. ¶ 5 (3) Appellants’ unsupported claim that counsel for St. Johns Riverkeeper participated in the preparation of Waterkeepers Florida’s Motion and Amicus Curiae Brief. Resp. ¶ 5.

Courts typically welcome Amici with special expertise or with a perspective on the impact of a case beyond the litigating parties. The issue on appeal in this matter is of broad public importance, as evidenced by the diverse and numerous parties and Amici. We respectfully contend, as outlined in Waterkeepers Florida’s statement of interest, that Waterkeepers Florida has a unique perspective that can assist the Court in resolving this case.

**WHEREFORE**, Waterkeepers Florida respectfully requests this Court to issue an Order granting Waterkeepers Florida leave to file its accompanying Reply to Appellants’ Response.

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