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Florida Alliance for Retired Americans Resolves to Oppose the Florida Constitution Amendment to De-Regulate Electric Utilities

FLARA President Bill Sauers announced today “ That among other actions taken at the annual convention of Florida Alliance for Retired Americans held on June 5, 2019, a resolution was unanimously adopted to oppose and defeat the Florida constitutional amendment ballot initiative known as **Energy Choice**.”

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE “ENERGY CHOICE”

Whereas: Independent studies show there is little evidence that “ Energy Choice” has yielded any significant consumer benefits in other states, and has increased consumer fraud and deceptive marketing while decreasing reliability; and

Whereas: Customers in states that have experimented with de -regulation have experienced decreased reliability with power blackouts and extended periods without power service, including potential brownouts; and

Whereas: Unregulated energy companies can cherry pick which customer to serve and require large deposits or deny service based on a customer’s credit; and

Whereas: Research has shown increasing financial burden on, specifically targeted, low income, African American and senior communities in unregulated electric markets; and

Whereas: In 2018, residential customers in deregulated “Energy Choice” states paid more for electricity than the average Florida residential customer.

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the **Florida Alliance for Retired American** shall oppose and work to defeat the adoption of the “**Energy Choice**” amendment to the Florida Constitution by proactively educating its members and Florida consumers as to the dangers of the amendment and its misleading and deceptive language.



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