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State Representative candidate Joe Harding,

The Professional Firefighters of Marion County would like to offer you our support and formal endorsement of your campaign for the Florida House of Representatives District 22.

From our first meeting, it was clear that your vision for Florida is in line with the core values of the first responders of Marion County. As Florida House of Representatives District 22, you would represent most of the Southwest quadrant of Marion County and all of the SR200 corridor. This is a vital portion of our county, economy, and citizenry. Your election would represent a partnership comitted to providing adequate resources to infrastructure and traffic patterns that would provide improved emergency management response.

As blue collared laborers ourselves, it is refreshing to hear a local candidate focus on the issues of our demographic, particularly your support for vocational funding. A formal four year degree isn't the only way for a motivated young adult to succeed in today's economy. Like firefighters and EMS providors, vocational education is an avenue for success in Marion County and elsewhere in our state.

Likewise, as a College of Central Florida alumni, you have a personal connection to both our community, our college, and our youth. Your commitment to the community is clear and your message of putting people to work couldn't resonate more to both our organization and our county.

Finally, your campaign focuses on the importance of family. That value is intrinsic to the profession of emergency response, both within our organization and by extension to the Marion County family we serve and protect. The Professional Firefighters of Marion County would like to welcome you to our family.

During the course of your campaign, we intend to offer you whatever resources we have available in order to make your bid to be our next state representative a successful one.

Daniel D. Garcia, President Professional Firefighters of Marion County, Local 3169