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Members of the Florida Ground Water Association,

I have been privileged to serve you and our industry over the past several years as a board member of the FGWA. As I am up for re-election, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself in hopes that you will consider supporting me.

Partridge Well Drilling was founded in 1892. I am a sixth generation well driller and my family has been drilling water wells in Northeast Florida for over 130 years now. Like many of you, I started working for the family business at a very young age and have grown to love the groundwater industry and all of the unique aspects that go along with it. Knowing early on that I wanted to contribute to the future of our company, I enrolled at the University of South Florida where I obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology. This education furthered my passion and understanding by allowing me to see the science behind what we do every day. Over the past 20 years I have been involved in projects that cover just about every aspect of groundwater and drilling. I continue to learn more everyday and enjoy doing research & development to find new and exciting technology and techniques to make the process of drawing water from the ground more efficient.

As you all understand, water truly is our most precious resource. Without it we would not be here today. I got involved with the FGWA to help protect our resource; but more importantly to protect our industry. No one cares more about the protection of groundwater than a water well driller. Unfortunately, many of us are stretched thin with the day-to-day grind of our occupation that we may not see or simply don't have the time to address the everchanging rules and regulations that threaten our livelihoods every day. The DEP workgroup is arguably the most critical aspect of the FGWA but these meetings are often under represented by water well contractors. Since my time on the FGWA Board I have maintained a near perfect attendance record at the DEP work group meetings and it has been an honor to be a voice of reason representing fellow water well contractors.

I ask for your support so I may continue to serve our industry.