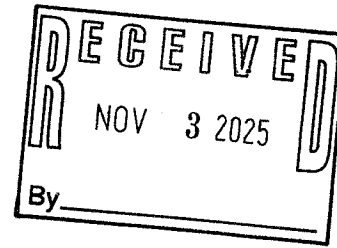


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October 29, 2025



The Honorable Laurie S. Silverstein
Flagler County Courthouse
Bunnell, FL 32110

Re: Preservation of Marineland Oceanarium

Dear Judge Silverstein,

I am writing to ask that you respectfully consider the historical and environmental impact of Marineland Oceanarium before any decision is made to allow the sale of this aquarium to developers. Marineland is not only the oldest oceanarium in the United States, but also in the world. It should be preserved as a historical marker that serves as a sanctuary for the many marine animals that call it home.

Marineland's conservation efforts and opportunities are widely known - even just recently with saving the life of a sea turtle who was later released back into the ocean. Marineland has provided education, research and continues these conservation efforts for generations to appreciate and grasp a better concept of protecting marine life. The animals that are currently living there are accustomed to this environment and the continued care that they will receive. Allowing this property to fall into the hands of a developer that only sees the appeal of ocean front property and potential money in their pockets, but not the historical significance would be a detrimental loss to Flagler County and a loss of Florida's heritage.

Before Sea World was born, Flagler County had Marineland - which was built on a foundation of educating the public about marine life and adoration for our oceans. Preserving Marineland as an oceanarium would ensure this landmark will continue to serve its original purpose of promoting respect for marine life and our ocean. It should serve as a reminder of our responsibility and preservation.

I hope that you will take into account the historical, educational, and environmental value of Marineland when making your decision. Keeping this site as it is will honor the animals and the generations of people who have learned from this special place.

Respectfully,


Amanda Harding

[REDACTED]

Selling of Marineland

29 October 2025

Marineland

Hello, Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Today I am writing to you in concern of the sale of Marineland. I have been told that the plans are to sell the property to a Developmental company. I feel this would be the wrong choice. A developmental company won't seek to preserve the structure or the animals. That fact alone is greatly concerning, there are over 50 living animals living in this oceanarium. Within these animals, corals and sea plants are also inhabiting the tanks. It is unrealistic to rehome all of the animals, they cannot be released into the ocean due to having been raised or brought into captivity. The ocean is no longer their habitat; but the tanks they call home. Not only does animal life worry me with the potential sale, but the local impact as well. Many locals can agree, Marineland has been a staple for our area. Since 1938, originally opened as the first underwater film studio: "Marine Studios", this location quickly became very popular. Many firsts for oceanic studies occurred at this location. For example: this was the first oceanarium, echolocation was discovered for the very first time, along with the first successful dolphin birth. So many wonders in this single location. Locals have a chance to discover more about the world we live in. Giving their children the opportunity to be inspired for future jobs, and conservation hopes. The facility has spread joy and miraculous wonders for many years. Both locals, and the employees love and cherish this diamond in the rough. Personally, this place was the reason I went to study marine biology. Feeling the bliss of learning new things, being in a peaceful environment, seeing the wonders most don't have the opportunity to discover. I know many

children going to the summer programs who are deeply pulled in by these animals and the wonders of our ocean.

Though this is my opinion I know many others will disagree. Some may say it's childish to fight for this. Others may say that selling to the developers is the best choice financially. While all of these arguments may be strong, I believe they are morally incorrect. How is rehoming wildlife, risking the lives of these animals, destroying a structure that holds so much impact and history and our community feel morally okay? Ask yourself, if you were one of these employees, how would you feel that the place so many call home is in danger? How would you feel if your dream job was just taken from you. What about their families? Try seeing through the animals eyes, though unaware. Imagine the amount of stress they'd feel randomly being torn from family and home, placed in an unknown location with unknown people. What if the new facilities don't take proper care of them? How about the locals? They come to this wonder regularly, their children love the animals, becoming friends with the trainers. Having their joy and inspiration taken away. All for what? More buildings that add more people to our already overcrowded area? Selling to the developers will not benefit anyone but them. So many jobs will be at risk, lives would be torn apart, children won't have the chance to learn. In my heart and others, the facility belongs in the hands of someone who will take care of, and restore the homes. This is more than just money. It's their lives on the line. A whole community's joy.

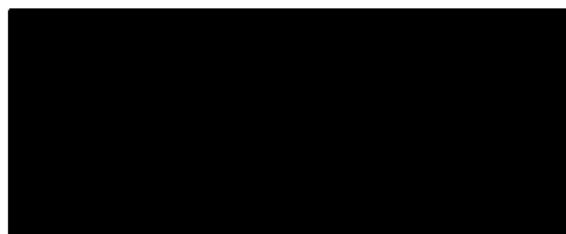
Please, consider these things. Find it in your heart to see through our eyes. The community is pleading, make the right decision. So many are relying on you.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman in high school at FPC. I feel that you should not allow Marineland to get destroyed, its a historical place where a lot of people have learned many things. There are plenty apartments and apartments that are getting built but yet there isn't enough stores and roads to support all the people that are here and are coming. Having more apartments getting built would not help in anyway whatsoever. Also the animals deserve to be able to live in their home. They shouldn't have to move or die just for the sake of people who in which can easily move into a apartment that already exist and or the ones that are getting built now. Marineland is a place where people can get educated about marine life and learn more about the animals that live on this earth and thats always a good thing. There is other places people could do so but the more the better, the more there are means the more people who can go and learn about marine life.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]



October 29th, 2025

The Honorable Laurie S. Silverstein
Flagler County Courthouse
Bunnell, FL 32110

Re: Preservation of Marineland Oceanarium

Dear Judge Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a Sophomore at FPC. Please consider not allowing the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Marineland opened in 1938, and was the world's first Oceanarium. This special place is not only to help animals but it's also a big part of people's career. Marineland is also an educational center to newer generations that inspires them for careers in science, conservation, and animal care. The people that work at Marineland take good care of these animals; making sure they are well nourished and healthy to be released back into the wild, for those animals who cannot be released back into the wild have a home at Marineland where they are fed and sheltered.

The sale of the Marineland property to a real estate development company would be an irreplaceable loss of a genuine American landmark and a cornerstone of Flagler County's identity. This site holds a unique place in history, having contributed significantly to marine science, tourism, and even Hollywood filmmaking. Razing the facility to construct condominiums would permanently erase a piece of the Florida coastline's heritage, sacrificing a National Register of Historic Places site for short-term financial gain. Preserving Marineland is a crucial way to honor its legacy, ensuring that future generations can appreciate the location that pioneered modern marine attractions and conservation. The community must rally to protect this historical treasure from being reduced to just another residential development.

Selling the oceanfront acreage for housing would also be a major blow to the regional tourism economy and the area's dedication to education and conservation. A developer's residential plan offers no long-term public benefit, unlike a preserved park that continuously draws visitors, provides jobs, and supports vital marine research and animal care. The existing facility currently houses dolphins, sea turtles, and other marine life, demanding that any sale prioritize the welfare of these animals over immediate profit. Protecting this irreplaceable coastal space for a conservation-focused attraction, such as the proposed non-profit venture, aligns with Flagler County's environmental values and secures a vibrant, educational future for the entire community.

Case 25-10606

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[REDACTED]
Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

Marineland

Oct 29, 2025

Save Marineland

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name [REDACTED] and I'm a freshman at FPC. I would like to give some reasons on why you should not allow the sale of Marineland- Marineland opened in 1938 for clips of marine animals in movies. Building marine land was a lengthy project and the owners felt bad, so they decided to open it to the public for one day. On June 23, 1938 Marineland had around 30,000 people show up. After that day people begin to realize that maybe the public should have access to learn about their local animals. So marineland changed their morals. Marineland was now a spot for the public to learn all about marine life!!

I believe the sale of marineland would do more harm to the community than trying to raise the funds to re-fix it. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to reach out.

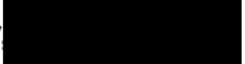
Thank you in advance,
[REDACTED]

Case NO. 25-10606

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

I'm writing this letter to talk about saving Marineland. I think selling it to a development real estate company would be a big mistake due to many reasons. There are many consequences to this decision and I think they should be highly thought out. The significance of this place cannot be overstated. It is home to many beautiful marine animals and has so much history. Destroying this habitat would result in irreversible damage, leading to the displacement and even potential extinction of numerous species. Marine land makes a big impact for many people, inspiring them for careers in science, conservation, and animal care. While I recognize the need for housing, transforming Marineland into an apartment complex is not the answer. The long term costs to our environment and community outweigh any perceived short term gains. I urge you to consider the impact of your decision and to choose the path that protects our environment and well being of the animals and the people involved in marine land for generations to come.

Sincerely 

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at Flagler Palm Coast High School. I think that you shouldn't allow Marineland to be sold. Marineland has been open since 1938, and not only does it have so much history, it has a lot of 1st's that have happened there. For example, it was the world's 1st Oceanarium, which is huge and should be known as a historical monument. Marineland was also the 1st place dolphins were ever trained and was the 1st successful dolphin in human care. Instead, maybe give it to the people who want to continue Marineland as it is, keep the animals in their homes, and continue to inspire many people for many years to come. Marineland is also an Educational Center that inspires youth for careers in science, conservation, and animal care. Marineland also has many animals and marine life that have been saved from injuries and many of them wouldn't be able to survive back in the ocean. If we don't continue to care for marine animals then who will, so if we take away their home then where will they live and how will they survive. If marineland gets sold then where would these amazing animals live and who would take care of them, this would melt my heart if Marineland gets sold and all of this marine life would also be hurt. They would also lose all of their human friends and all of the marine biologists would lose their jobs and their marine friends. Please don't let Marineland get sold, let's make it a land make and historic monument for people to remember.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

10-29-25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore who attends Flagler Palm Coast High School. I really think you should consider denying the destruction of Marineland to occur. When I was younger, I used to go to Marineland all the time! The atmosphere is so lovely and the location is perfect. The animals are also the sweetest and seem so happy. The staff is also very well educated and kind. I would truly hate to see Marineland close up just for some real estate, since there are so many other places where they could construct. There's nothing like it, the experience of meeting these cute marine animals is so fascinating. Marineland is also a great place to take your children from all ages. Marineland is so special, it's the first to train dolphins and have a human assisted dolphin birth. Marineland is truly a gem, like a hidden treasure. Instead, we should give it to the people who want to continue Marineland as it is, keep the animals in their homes, and continue to inspire people for many years to come.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland. Respectfully, I hope you know your choice of sales to those people is pretty bad. Not only do the animals need a *SAFE* home, their home does not need to be destroyed by a real estate company. That would probably be the worst decision of your life. The animals matter and so do the memories that come with it. I went with my grandparents for years now and I'm not going to allow *ONE* lady to decide that a real estate company is going to take it down. I may only be 14 years old, but I know what I'm talking about.

We both know *REAL* well Flagler does not need anymore apartments. I hope you remember that Marineland had over 30,000 people on its first day. The animals and the staff are so sweet. They do not need a single lady to ruin that. I'm saying this stuff respectfully because I'm just a teenager who has their own opinion on something that matters. Marineland has changed many people, along with the animals. Marine life is way more important than apartments that are everywhere in Flagler.

It's been open for 80 years. So please, all I literally ask you is to keep Marienland. I, along with a lot of other people, would be sooooo happy. Plus, Marienland is closer and better than seaworld. Marienland shows us how beautiful marine life can be. Not how cruel people choose to be to marine life.

Sensoriously [REDACTED]

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Just don't please, it's not worth selling Marineland to people that do not care about the animals that are there living, just to build apartments? Why? Just to make more money? They are going to remove one of the most famous Oceanariums, that was the first Oceanarium, that were the first ones to have trained dolphins, and many more awesome things. This Oceanarium holds a special place in so many people's hearts, and maybe the first time somebody actually got to experience what an Aquatic animal looks like from up close, and even touch it if allowed. Marineland is so awesome because it has such spectacular views and such gorgeous animals, just to make them go in danger because after it's sold to somebody that doesn't care about them, and just cares about money? Please Judge Laurie S. Silverstein, don't sell this amazing place to people from real estate, at least sell it to people that actually care about the place and the animals, to make the place better, healthier, and even more fun for people so they actually want to go, and guess what, the more people that go the more money they are going to make, which means that Marineland can stay up forever and never again be sold to anybody else. Let's think about this even further, what if the place is sold, what if after they build the apartments, the structure is not strong enough and it falls because there's almost no space to build apartments, and what if many people die (let's hope not) because of the apartment that fell, then it would have been sold for nothing, and put the lives of people and animals. What if the person that's buying it doesn't have enough money to keep going with the project, and it all goes in vain. So please Judge Laurie S. Silverstein, think about this and don't let them destroy such an amazing place.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

Not allowing the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate.

You shouldn't tear down an Oceanarium that was the 1st in the world, because there are animals that are not able to function properly in the ocean, which is why they are taken care of at Marineland. Also, Marineland is the most/1st successful dolphin in human care which means that they are the most trusted with dolphins more than any other Ocean place. Marineland has so many awesome animals that shouldn't just be released into the ocean after spending so much time getting taken cared of by awesome people. Marineland has 17 bottlenose Dolphins, 6 Red Footed Tortoises, 1 SeaTurtle, 4 Nurse sharks, 11 Cow nose rays, 1 Green Moray Eel, and 3 Bamboo sharks. These are awesome/cool animals that shouldn't be taken out of their home for real estate. These are living things that shouldn't be treated like they are just property, they deserve care and love. If they build this real estate, these animals will be thrown into the ocean without any care and won't survive in the ocean for long. Also, some of these animals have problems and can't survive in the ocean on their own and need help to stay alive. Please don't let this real estate build, it would come at a great/ devastating cost.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

I am currently a sophomore at Flagler Palm Coast High School who studies Marine Biology, Vet Assisting, and Animal Medicine. I am writing this letter due to Marineland's current financial struggles and the possibility of it being sold to a real estate company. Marineland should not be sold for destruction due to its invaluable historical past. Marineland was the first oceanarium in the world. It provided a unique opportunity for humans to see and raise aquatic animals up close, allowing us to gather crucial information that would have been inaccessible otherwise. Marineland biologists made a monumental discovery here, figuring out that dolphins use a type of biosonar, a phenomenon they studied for 14 years straight. Furthermore, Marineland achieved the first successful birth of a dolphin under human care. Serving as a significant research and education center for many generations, Marineland has a continuous history from 1938 to 2024. That is 86 years of history. This makes it a historical landmark within the marine biology field. While the past can't be repeated, it can certainly continue to make new history. This is why you cannot allow the destruction of Marineland to proceed. There are many people in this community who love Marineland for the animals, its history, the education it provides, and the cherished memories they have made there. We, as a community, stand united to prevent its destruction. If the property is sold and destroyed, what will happen to the animals? If the facility is closed, they will most likely be released into the wild. This is a highly irresponsible action given their domestication for the past 84 years. It is scientifically proven that these long-term domesticated animals will not survive in the ocean. This decision could kill many animals who only stand a chance with our consistent care the kind of care Marineland has provided.

I plead with you, Judge Laurie, to not pass the ownership to the real estate company. To do so would send these animals into jeopardy and would break the hearts of many people in our community.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

10-29-2025

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

I am a 10th grade student at Flagler Palm Coast Highschool currently. It was brought to my attention that Marine land is going bankrupt and might be sold to a real estate company that is planning to build apartments over it. Marineland doesn't just have an important place in my heart but to so many more in our community, marineland plays a big role on why some of the animals there are currently safe and happy in their home. you can't just kick out domesticated animals into the wild or to fend for themselves. It's down right cruel to do so.... Not only is it cruel, it's a historical monument and holds a big title. This marineland opened up in 1938, was the world's first oceanarium, first place dolphins were trained there, this is where they were discovered on site, had the first successful dolphin in human care, and it's an educational center that inspires youth for careers in science conservation and animal care. Many of your now marine biologists found their love for the ocean at marineland because of how many opportunities it has in store. I myself found the love for the ocean at marineland when i was able to ride and swim with the dolphins there. It truly spiked my interest in marine biology and made me go more into depth and research in my free time and learn more and more about the ocean. This also inspired me to pursue my love for marine biology once I graduated high school. Touching back on the animals and how they would have no home there are currently 17 bottlenose dolphins, 6 red fitted tortoises, 1 sea turtle, 4 nurse sharks, 11 cow nose rays, 1 green moray eel, and 3 bamboo sharks. All of these lovely and majestic creatures will be left to fend for themselves with no guidance and no knowledge of the ocean beyond the walls of Marineland. This will eventually cause them to pass away after a life full of love and care not only will they pass away they will be confused and scared not knowing what. Please don't let this company tear down a beautiful and historical monument of our community. I hope you have a wonderful day and truly think about this statement.

Sincerely,



Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of the Marineland, it's not just a home for them it's also a hospital. The reason I'm asking is because that's the home of the sea animals, and it's not just one or two it's multiple and if a sea animal gets hurt or injured they can be rescued and helped till recovery and if healed enough go back. They also take very good care of them by making sure they stay healthy and hydrated. It also opened as a film studio in 1938, it became known for groundbreaking dolphin training, including the first dolphin ever trained and the first dolphin born in human care. Another being the world's first oceanarium, and making significant contributions to marine science and education.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Please, please, please save Marineland so the animals have a safe protective home!

The news is really sad. They said that if no one helps, the site development might make the dolphins and white whales go away for ever. They can't just get rid of the dolphins just because the money is all gone. It's not fair to the sealife located at Marineland. The bottle noses are so smart. They are just trying to live and can't go home to the ocean. If you let the development company buy Marineland, who will give them the care they need to survive? Who will make sure their water is clean? They can't do it themselves.

Sincerely,

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Case No 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/2025

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

I hope you get to hear this I'm [REDACTED]

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the sale of Marineland to a company whose only reported intention is to demolish it for real estate development. Marineland represents a critical part of our community's heritage, with a rich and compelling history that must be preserved.

It is not merely a piece of property, but a vital institution that provides crucial animal care for endangered species and offers the public an irreplaceable opportunity for education and connection with marine life.

Considering the site's immense historical, cultural, and environmental value, I urge you to reject any proposals that do not recognize its full significance.

More than its history, Marineland provides crucial animal care and offers the public an irreplaceable opportunity for education and connection with marine life.

The dolphins and other animals are the very soul of this place, and the sacrifices made to save animal life over the years of blood, sweat, and tears must be honored.

Your recent decision to delay the sale, citing the welfare of the animals, offers a beacon of hope that their future will be given priority.

The community has also demonstrated immense support for preserving the facility and the animals, as shown by the coalition of marine professionals and the growing public petitions.

Please give serious consideration to the bidders who are working to save Marineland and continue its legacy of marine conservation. Let us preserve this invaluable resource for future generations.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

To: Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

Subject: Preserving Marineland, Florida

Dear Judge Silverstein,

I am writing to you today to ask you to consider the future of Marineland, Florida. I am asking that you please do not allow the sale of Marineland to a company that wishes to tear it down and build real estate.

Marineland is a local historical landmark with deep roots, having opened in 1938. It holds a unique place in history as the world's first Oceanarium, which was the first place in the world to have more than one type of ocean animal living together. Its contributions to science are significant: it was the first place dolphins were ever trained, the site where echolocation was discovered, and the location of the first successful dolphin birth in human care.

This facility remains important today. It helps people from all over the world see ocean animals for the first time, allowing them to form a connection with the animals and grow a passion for conservation and the ocean. Marineland also serves to inspire younger generations toward careers in science, conservation, and animal care.

A sale for real estate development would mean displacing the many animals that call Marineland home. This includes:

- 17 Bottlenose Dolphins
- 6 Red-footed Tortoises
- 1 Sea Turtle
- 4 nurse sharks
- 11 cow nose rays
- A green moray eel
- 3 bamboo sharks
- Many more marine species, such as fish, coral, and invertebrates

Instead of this outcome, I ask that you give the facility to people who want to continue Marineland as it is. This decision would keep the animals in their home and allow Marineland to continue inspiring people for many more years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPCHS. Please do not allow the sale of a company that has no heart for marine life to buy out Marineland. There is so much history going back to 1938 when Marineland opened. One of the 1st oceanariums. This place is a way for young kids to enjoy animal life just like I did when I was younger and I still do to this day. Marineland has 17 bottle dolphins, 6 red foot tortoises, 1 sea turtle, 4 nurse sharks, 11 cow nose rays, green moray eel, and bamboo sharks. The biologist and others are worried where they would go because they will not survive outside of the ocean. Therefore they need care everyday because of the animal's condition. Another reason to keep marin land is the educational center that inspires youth of careers in animal care or science .So I really hope we can save this place for the animals and history at Marineland.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Case No 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at Flagler Palm Coast High School. I believe you should not allow the sale of marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Instead you should give it to the people who want to continue marineland as it is. Please keep the animals in their homes, and allow others to continue to inspire people for many years to come. I would like to see bottlenose dolphins and bamboo sharks. It could inspire others to be the next marine biologists and this marineland was opened in 1938, it was the first place to train dolphins and they discovered echolocation on site. It has so much history behind it and I believe a place with so much history shouldn't be taken down for real estate.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Case NO. 25-10606 (LSS)

Dear judge Laurie S. Silverstein

10/29/25

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a sophomore at FPCHS. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland. To a company that wants to tear it down and reset to build real estate. Because I think it is a historical part of Flagler. and it's very awesome to visit as a kid. Many kids will love Marineland and just love the experience if it gets taken down by kids and many more people will never get the chance to experience Marineland.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

CASE NO 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a sophomore at Flagler Palm Coast High School. Please don't let Marineland be torn down. I'm writing this because I truly care about all of the innocent animals that live there. Imagine being one of those creatures and your home gets destroyed and you slowly start dying with no air to breathe, that's a crucial way to die. Not only that but Marineland was the world's first oceanarium. Destroying it would erase years of history and joy for so many people once it's gone we can't get it back.

Thank you for listening!

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Case No. 25-10606(LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPCHS. I think you should not allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Instead, give it to the people who want to continue Marineland as it is, keep the animals in their homes, and continue to inspire for many years to come. Marineland opened in 1938 and is the world's first oceanarium, also the world's first place dolphins were ever trained. So tearing Marineland down would get rid of all of these animals' homes. The facility is an educational center that inspires youth for careers in science, conversation, and animal care. So please do not let Marineland go as it's important to a lot of people to another company. It has touched a lot of people's lives.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of the Marineland, it's not just a home for them it's also a hospital. The reason I'm asking is because that's the home of the sea animals, and it's not just one or two it's multiple and if a sea animal gets hurt or injured they can be rescued and helped till recovery and if healed enough go back. They also take very good care of them by making sure they stay healthy and hydrated. It also opened as a film studio in 1938, it became known for groundbreaking dolphin training, including the first dolphin ever trained and the first dolphin born in human care. Another being the world's first oceanarium, and making significant contributions to marine science and education.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

CASE NO. 25-10606(LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Hello my name is [REDACTED] I'm a 10th grader at FPC and I hope that this letter helps the efforts to not close Marineland and sell it to a company that wants to tear it down for apartments. This would hurt the community and the animals at the facility. Marineland opened in 1938 and has seen most of the historic events of the state of Florida; it has made many families and people happy. It was originally going to be an underwater filming facility then on its grand opening they let the public in and then after how happy the employees saw people happy and then told the owners then the owners changed it to the education center. There are so many sea animals at risk for going out into the wild without knowing how to live out there and they may die. I believe that it should be considered a historic landmark because of how long it's been around. Please don't let the people that want to tear it down for real estate and instead it should be given to the people that want to help the animals at Marineland. It was the first place to discover echolocation and that's a big science breakthrough.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

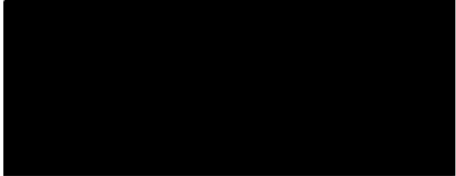
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10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

The students at Flagler Palm Coast Highschool are asking you to, please keep the aquarium instead of taking it down. It is a place of joy and fun experiences/memories, where kids and others go to learn about the underworld of the ocean. This was also the place where the first dolphin birth was successful within human care! We are hoping and wishing you won't allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that'll replace it and build Real Estate. It is also the first place to discover Echolocation on site, I've been there a few times myself and they give great tours. They make sure to give kids a great time and share a lot of cool/interesting information.

- Sincerely, 



October 29th, 2025

The Honorable Laurie S. Silverstein
Flagler County Courthouse
Bunnell, FL 32110

Re: Preservation of Marineland Oceanarium

Dear Judge Silverstein,

My name is  I'm a sophomore and I attend school at FPC. The purpose of me writing this letter is to ask that you please take into consideration the historical and environmental importance of Marineland before making any decisions about selling the aquarium to developers. Now yes, Marineland is one of the oldest oceanariums in the United States, but it's a landmark that has played a big role in marine education and conservation for decades. It definitely deserves to be protected as both a piece of history and a safe haven for the animals that live there.

Over the years, Marineland has been dedicated to saving and caring for marine life, from rescuing sea turtles to educating the public about ocean conservation. It has given people of all ages a chance to learn about and appreciate the importance of protecting our oceans. If this property were turned over to developers, it would mean not only losing an important historical site but also erasing a big part of Florida's coastal heritage.

Before SeaWorld even existed, Marineland was a place where people came to learn about and fall in love with the ocean. Preserving it would allow future generations to continue benefiting from its mission—to inspire care for marine life and respect for our environment.

I hope you will keep in mind the educational, environmental, and historical value of Marineland when making your decision. Protecting this site will honor the animals that have lived there and the countless people who have been inspired by it.

Sincerely,



10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a sophomore at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of the marineland facility. Me and my family go out there sometimes to enjoy the animals doing cool tricks, enjoying the animals and watching them. I love it because it's very nostalgic because it was the first world oceanarium to have ecological value, and very historical. Not only that, the effect of the sale would lead to displacement and has potential to make the animals suffer. The place has many features, achievements, and Loving Animals it wouldn't make sense to bring something down. A negative effect to the sale is that it would negatively impact the local environment, releasing the animals would not be a great option, because they have no experience in the wilds so they may not survive and Some animal rights groups are concerned that the animals may be sold and that the new owners might make use of them. It wouldn't be a good idea because there would be so many negative impacts for the environment and the animals and it would change the whole world. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Dear Laurie S. Silverstein,

10/29/25

I would like to ask you about not selling Marineland to people who just want to destroy the animals' home and give it to someone who cares and someone who could keep Marineland as it is. We need someone who can keep the animals in their home and can continue to inspire people for years to come. Marineland has been open since 1938, 87 years that Marineland has been open and you wanna give it to someone that will tear it down for apartments? Marineland is so special being the worlds 1st oceanarium and being the 1st place dolphins were ever trained. Marineland has been a place for animals to get better, for them to learn how to live, and for animals to get the help they need. Also marineland is an educational center that inspires youth for careers in science, conservation , animal care, and people's love for animals. Right now Marineland is home to 17 bottlenose dolphins, 6 red footed tortoises, 1 sea turtle, 4 nurse sharks, 11 cow nose rays, and 3 bamboo sharks. These animals are at marineland for a reason. They can't function on their own and they need the help that marineland gives. In conclusion, I think that you should consider marineland for someone who wants to continue the joy that marineland gives and not tear it down and ruin these animals' daily life for real estate.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

CASE NO. 25-10606(LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of marineland because it plays an important role in education, research, and conservation. It teaches people about marine life and helps raise awareness about marine life. It also raises awareness about the endangered creatures. This was also the first ever the oceanarium. Where echolocation was discovered. All the animals that depend on that place will not survive.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Case No 23-10606 (LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S Silverstein,

I am [REDACTED] from flagler palm coast high school my stance is not allowing to sale of marineland to go a company that wants to tear it down and building because that's been there since 1938 and its part of the marine history it was the world's first oceanarium and it was the first place where they were trained.

Reasons why it would be sad

Some parents like taking their kids there. It's good for learning about sea animals.

Inspiring Future Generations: The facility serves as an important educational resource, offering programs and hands-on experiences that create physical and emotional connections between visitors and marine animals. These connections can lead to increased awareness and pro-ocean behavior.

Captive Breeding Success: The first bottlenose dolphin successfully born in human care, named "Spray," was born at Marineland in 1947. Another dolphin, Nellie, born there in 1953, lived to be 61, contributing immensely to our understanding of dolphin longevity and care.

Please leave it how it is.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at Flagler Palm Coast High. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland. To go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Marineland was opened in June of 1938! Marineland is the world's 1st Oceanarium. The world's 1st dolphin birth in human care was at Marineland. Marineland is an educational center that inspires youth for careers in science, conservation, and animal care. Marineland has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. They have helped so many animals in need, they have just recently rescued a turtle and helped it get back to health and were able to turn it back into the ocean. Marineland is a home to many animals that are unable to live without human care. If you go through with the sale, so many animals will unfortunately die because they won't be able to live. Marineland currently has 17 bottle nose dolphins, 6 red footed tortoises, 1 sea turtle, 11 cow nose rays, green moray eel, and 3 bamboo sharks. Please consider not selling, and help save the animals.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Case No 25-10606 (LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am from Flagler Palm Coast High School. I am writing this letter to you because I personally love and enjoy going to marineland and exploring dolphins and learning a lot about them because they are my favorite sea creatures. I admire the way you protect different sea creatures from harm or possible threats because they are very important to the ecosystem and shouldn't be harmed in any way. Dolphins are pretty unique in my opinion because they are smart and intelligent in their own way and are pretty chill. You and marineworld always do an amazing job with animal care and show other people that sea creatures are to be treated with respect in the environment and thats why I love marineland.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Case No 25-10606(LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPC highschool. Please do not allow the sale of marineland. Instead, give it to the people who want to continue marineland as it is, keep the animals in their homes, and continue to inspire people for many years to come. Because think about what is going to happen to all the poor animals that live in the marineland. And we shouldn't have the risk of letting it become a real estate company building and we should just let the people enjoy these animals where they are. this was the world 1st oceanarium and we should cherish it and not let it come to and end. 17 bottlenose dolphins, 6 red footed tortoises, 1 sea turtle, 4 nurse sharks, 11 cow nose rays, green moray Eel, and 3 bamboo sharks all these animals would have to be removed from where they are and into a whole new random place these poor animals should stay where they are. So please don't disappoint these poor animals and give their home away for it to turn into a real estate building and let people continue to enjoy these animals as they should. Respectfully.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and i am a sophomore at fpc. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Instead, give it to the people who want to continue marineland as it is, keep animals in their homes, and continue to inspire people for many years to come. Please don't let those marine animals—the 17 dolphins, 6 red-footed turtles, 1 sea turtle, 4 nurse sharks, 11 cownose rays, green moray eel, and 3 bamboo sharks—be left homeless. They are in that place either because they are sick or because they can't be there. Animals need a home just like we humans do, so please do what you can to ensure those marine animals don't lose their place just to grant a permit to build a hotel. Don't allow it.

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of Marieland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. One reason that you shouldn't allow the sale is because there are still animals that live there and can call it home. Another reason to not allow the sale is it was opened in 1938 and it still has some people come down there to go see animals. It was the first place to ever train dolphins and first place to successfully train dolphins in human care. It has 17 bottlenose dolphins, 6 red footed tortoises, 1 sea turtle, 4 nurse sharks, 11 cow nose rays, some green moray eel, 3 bamboo sharks.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Case No. 25-10606(LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate I am writing to you today as a concerned Florida resident and taxpayer to respectfully urge you to use your authority to intervene in the potential sale of the Marineland property to a developer who seeks to demolish it. As the world's first oceanarium, Marineland is a historically and ecologically priceless piece of Florida's heritage that must be protected from high-density development.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman at Flagler Palm Coast High School. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to happen, there are many marine animals that are living there and we should respect that. Marineland has been in Flagler County for 86 years with lots of marine animals. Marineland has saved lots of marine animals' lives, they've recently saved a sea turtle and later released the turtle into the ocean. They also discovered echolocation on site. I personally believe that Marineland can continue on and inspire more people.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman at FPC. Please don't allow the sale of Marineland. Closing MarineLand Dolphin Adventure would take away a valuable chance for people to learn about and connect with dolphins. It also helps rescue and care for injured dolphins. Many visitors support the local economy through tourism. Instead of closing, improving animal care and ethical practices is a better solution. Keeping it open promotes education and marine conservation.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company who wants to tear it down and build more real estate that the people of Florida do not need. Each and every year, more and more people move to Florida. In my opinion as a resident in Florida, it has gotten to be too much. The amount of people moving here and tearing down our land is harmful to our community, our ecosystem, and our daily lives. I mean think about it, there will be way more traffic. Places like MarineLand are there to help and save animals. They also help others learn about marine life and bring more awareness to the endangerment of marine life in the ocean. Marineland has inspired people like me to want to continue a passion of helping animals. For example, I'm currently learning to one day be a marine biologist or an exotic veterinarian. Another reason to keep Marineland in its place is because it will disturb the animals. They will have to move to somewhere else which can be stressful for such a little soul. They would have no clue what's going on, no idea where they're home went, or why they had to move away from the one place they've most likely spent years at. Also, it's a major attraction for tourists. Which gives many young children or others who haven't seen marine life a chance to experience something truly majestic, like the beauty of a dolphin or sting ray swimming in its environment. I know when I went to a place like that for the first time when I was little, it was truly one of the most magical things I've seen. So please, save Marineland, don't sell it to a company who wants nothing more to do with it then to sell it for more pointless apartments.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Case No. 25-10606(LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman at Flagler Palm Coast High School. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to happen, there are many sea animals that are living there for example 17 Bottlenose dolphins, 6 Red Footed Tortoises, 1 Sea turtle, 4 Nurse Sharks, 11 Cow Nose Rays, A Green Moray Eel, and 3 Bamboo Sharks and we should respect that. Marineland has been in Flagler County for a while with lots of sea animals. Marineland has saved numerous sea animals lives, they've even recently saved a sea turtle and they later released the turtle into the ocean. Marineland is a great place, I've been myself and seen how great they are. Marineland was the world's first oceanarium. They also discovered echolocation on site. They are great with the sea animals there. I personally believe you should not allow the sale of Marineland to happen.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman at FPC Highschool. Please do not allow this sale to go through to build a real estate. The reason why I say this is because marineland has many animals that probably do not have any survival instinct to go out by themselves in the real world. These animals could get hurt by different species or rejected from their own kind. Marineland's sole purpose is to teach people about marine animal life. And people want to tear it down when the animals could be in danger about going out in the real ocean but marineland has many old histories to it and they just wanna tear it down. This history that marineland has could play an important role in other people's life or give children an inspiration in the future on what they want to be. But most of these animals were born at marineland which the animals don't know how it works out in the ocean marineland is helping them improve but if we tear marineland down it could endanger these poor animals. Would you like your place that you call home to be torn down and taken over by someone else? Imagine how these animals feel.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Dear judge Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Instead give it to the people who want to continue marineland as it is. The animals in their homes are animals that have been there for years , marineland wants to continue to inspire people for many more years to come. I have personally been to marineland myself and as someone that fears the ocean so much because i can not swim my mom has even tried to get me to do multiple encounters with ocean animals and i did not give in. Marineland was the first place I actually felt comfortable to go swimming with the dolphins and as scary as it was all of the staff and even feeling how calm those animals were made it all so much better. Nowadays you here all kind of videos about seaworld and these animals being hurt mentally and dying because there being held captive and as a student that wants to become a vet i dont go to places that do animals that way but now once did i hear that about marineland not once do i see the dolphins fins bent because there hurting or depressed thats because these animals are conformable in their homes they have learned to love their staff and everyone around them. Marineland was the World 1st oceanarium not just an area but worldwide that huge, Marineland had the 1st educational center that inspires youth for careers such as science , conservation and even animal care. I hope with everything I have said and with some of the facts I have given I hope you can consider giving marineland to owners that keep wanting to inspire and love these animals.

Respectfully, [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a freshman at FPC. Please do not allow the sale to be given to a person who wants to turn the Marineland into a real estate. Marineland can convince other kids to become something they want to be or help the sea life. It can be used for future students who want to learn about the life of other sea creatures like dolphins, sharks, clownfish, and etc. Instead, give it to the people who want to continue Marineland as it is, keep the animals in their homes, and continue to inspire people for many years.

Sincerely: [REDACTED]

Case No.

25-10606 (LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name [REDACTED] and I'm a sophomore at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of marineland. So the company that wants to buy it so they can tear it down and build real estate. Instead give it to people who want to continue marineland as it is to keep the animals in their hands and continue to inspire people for many years to come. It was the first oceanarium opened in 1938; it was the first place dolphins were ever trained. It is an educational center that inspires youth for careers in science.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

10-29-25

Case No. 25-10606(LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPC. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build the real estate business. Instead give it to the people who want to continue Marineland as it is, keep the animals in their homes, and continue to inspire more people for many years to come.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Case No. 25-10606(LSS)

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silvertein

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at Flagler Palm Coast High School, I would not want the people that are buying Marineland to tear it down and just put up real estate. I would love to keep this place up or put the animals into a safer place where they won't get hurt out in the wild. Instead, give it to the people who want to continue Marineland as it is. Keep the animals in their hands, and continue to inspire people for many years to come. It was the world's 1st oceanarium. It was also the 1st successful dolphin human care. So I would gladly not tear down this place. These people who had trained these animals for years so they can show tricks and everything else, that Marineland should not get torn down.

[REDACTED]

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FPCHS. I think you should not allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Instead, give it to the people who want to continue Marineland as it is, keep the animals in their homes, and continue to inspire people, such as myself. Not too long ago I went to Marineland and it was super cool and it inspired me to become a Marine Biologist. The history of Marineland is so precious, for example it opened in 1938! Also it was the worlds 1st Oceanarium, and 1st place dolphins were ever trained following that it was the 1st successful dolphin in human care.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/25

Dear, Judge Laurie S. Silverstein

Please do not allow sale to Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Marineland opened in 1938 as the first oceanarium. For Florida, Marineland is the first place that dolphins were ever trained. Marineland has educational centers that inspire youth for careers in science, conservation, and animal care.

Marineland is a very important part of Florida and knowing that it might be taken down hurt me. And knowing that if Marineland gets taken down it will be very hard to find a place to all the marine animals that are in Marineland, To me Marineland is a very historical part of Florida.

Sincerely, 

Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/2025

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Marineland, this place is so important to not only Florida, but also the whole world. It was the start of so many amazing things. All of these animals won't survive if they were to sell this place, I'm sure you are aware of this already. This place has inspired so many people to go into marine studies. I know someone who was never interested until he had to go to Marineland for a family member's birthday party and that day he had fallen in love with marine life. Last I heard he is going into Marine Biology. Selling Marineland would be like selling the Charleston Museum, it's so historical and so impactful. From the background and historical knowledge, to the inspiration for others for generations to come. What started as "Marine Studios" just to videograph and record for Hollywood Films, turned into something so amazing and beautiful. Now people are willing to throw all of that away for some "Apartments" as if we aren't already dealing with the issue of deforestation. We can keep building apartments forever, but we won't get back lost history, and we won't get back the lives of the Marine life they'll be taking by doing this. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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Case No. 25-10606(LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a sophomore at FPC high school. I hope that this letter gets taken into consideration to save Marine land. I am writing this because I don't want Marineland to be destroyed or sold. Please consider not allowing the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Instead, give it to the people who want to continue inspiring people for many more years to come. This business is very old and has a lot of memories and history. It has a lot of first things like, 1st place dolphins were trained, 1st successful center that inspires youth for careers in science, conservation, and animal care and also discovered echolocation on site and many others. I have been there once when I had a family get together and this is a really fun, interesting, interacting place. The workers seem like they care a lot about the animals and the whole place, they take good care of all the different kinds of animals and would be very devastated if it was to get sold. Overall this is just me saying from my opinion that i don't think this should get sold or shut down due to all the memories and all the history it has and it would be very hard to find all the animals a hope if it was to get sold.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a sophomore at Flagler Palm Coast Highschool, I don't want to see these animals be somewhere where they are not safe. MarineLand has been around for a very long time, since June 1938. Marineland has come a long way for animals to have a safe and clean environment. This place is good for animals and you should not sell to anyone that does not care about where they go and wants to tear down the place and build for real estate and not keep going for the love of animals, and the safety of them. This would be so wonderful for Marineland to stay where it is instead of tearing it down, giving it to people who actually care about the animals and who want better for them. There are so many people in this world that care for animals so much and would do anything for them to have a home and not for them to be thrown away somewhere that isn't safe. There are a lot of things going on in Palm Coast right now, and a lot of the stuff that is being built out here are apartments and houses, if this keeps happening we will not have anywhere to have our animals. I hope that you take what I have written into consideration and understand where I'm coming from.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silversten,

My name is [REDACTED] I'm a fpc student. Please do not allow the sale of marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. All those animals have lives and it would be wrong to sell their home. Instead sell it to people who want to keep it going and save the animals and continue doing research. It's been open since 1938, it would be so cool to bring my own kids just like my dad did with me. There's so many cool animals there. They have so many firsts in the world. There's just a lot of history there.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

10/29/2025

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] am a student at Flagler Palm Coast High School and I write to you today regarding marineland. Marineland opened in 1938. They were the world's first oceanarium here in our very own flagler county. Now I write to you today to plead to you that you make the right decision and keep marineland alive. Marineland is not simply a place to look at cool fish, it is used as an educational ground that is known to inspire careers. It also holds significant historical value due to the fact that it was the first place a dolphin was ever successfully trained.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Case No. 25-10606(LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Marine land is an amazing place because it help animals in need of are help if you let this real estate company they will strip away animals home and they wont survive dont let it happen because these animals will not have shelter and they are raised in captivity and are fed by people they won't have it in the wild. All I'm saying is don't let these animals get their home taken away; they won't survive in the wild.

Sincerely,

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10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Marineland is too beautiful of a place to just get sold like that. Think of all of those dolphins and marine animals that would have no place to go if this place got shut down. How could anyone want to tear this place down. Mainland is the world's 1st Oceanarium and has been around since 1938. Mainland is an educational center that inspires youth for careers in science, conservation and animal care. Marineland is such an inspiration to many and I do not think that they should tear down such a wonderful place just for some apartments.

Sincerely, 

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Marineland has always been a fun place for me and my family to visit. After hearing the news about the chances of it being taken down, I was devastated. It's a good thing to have people care about animals and not people who wanna get rid of the animals' homes and make newer homes for humans, completely forgetting about the animals. We don't have many places like this and it's good to have it for people's interest and can even help people decide on what they wanna do when they are older. We have enough houses in Florida. We don't need more houses, especially when we have such a cool experience like that.

Sincerely,

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Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

October 29, 2025

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

I have come up with some reasons why you shouldn't sell Marineland to someone who just wants to turn it into real estate. This place holds so much history in the community and in people's lives for almost 90 years. The original idea for Marineland was to be an underwater film studio and 30,000 people tried to see it when it first opened. The animals in this place can't be returned to the ocean. It would be too much of a shock to the system because of the change in the environment and it would also be stripping them of their home. If someone did that to you would you be happy? They are helping species like Sand Tiger Sharks from dying out and to conduct a reproductive study. This place is also discovered echolocation on site. They also saved a turtle who got struck by lightning twice, once in the shell and once on the head which severed the left optic nerve. These animals are well taken care of and get hand picked fish and they keep them healthy through exercise and they have veterinarians who take care of them when they get sick. They also play with the animals. For example, they have an octopus that plays Mister Potato Head. These animals did nothing wrong and they don't deserve to be stripped from their home and their care.

Sincerely,

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10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Marineland is a historical landmark for flagler, it was the world's first. If you sell to real estate, the animals will have nowhere to go because they can't be in the wild anymore, but if you sell to a company that cares for marine life then the animals will be fine. They are rescuing animals that won't survive in the ocean and giving them a better life. Their biggest priority is the animals' health and they are keeping animals from going extinct. They have a program where kids can go and learn about marine biology and it makes some want that to be their future job so it's a good learning site and gives future generations good opportunities. Don't allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that's going to tear it down and build real estate.

Sincerely,

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10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Imagine waking up and the one thing you loved doing you couldn't do anymore. Over 100+ people work their jobs at marineland because they love it. It opened in 1938 and still stands. Many kids and even adults love going there. A marine biologist that worked there explained that the first time she stepped foot onto that place, she felt nervous but an endless amount of joy. Marineland has many sea animals like bottlenose dolphins, red footed tortoises, sharks, rays, eels and many more. It has so much special history and to just take it away just like that is cruel. It would be heartbreaking for those who want to go but would never get to experience it if people took it away just to build some apartments. Marineland provides an opportunity to be able to see marine animals up close and be able to also learn more about it. This can lead to interests in marine biology and ocean conservation. Please help save Marineland. I have a 4 year old little sister that I know would love to go but she would never be able to go if it gets teared down and not even just for her, the animals too. They've been homed there for years and to suddenly move them to somewhere they're not used to is not right. Help them and instead please just give it to people who would want to keep it there and help care for the animals and Marineland.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Save marineland

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] I am 16 years old and I am a sophomore at Flagler Palm coast High school hoping to give you a different opinion on tearing down Marineland. Marineland is more than an Aquarium, it's a home for animals. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build a real estate. For example imagine being a single mom with low income working 2 or more jobs to provide for her children living in a small apartment together. All of a sudden you come home from a long day of work to see a letter from your landlord on your door telling you , you need to leave because there is a mall being built in a couple weeks. Leaving you with nowhere else to go, so the mother and her children are forced to live on the streets. Think about all of the people and low income families that have to leave their homes because of a mall being built. What I'm trying to say is both buildings have significant meaning to hundreds of people if not more. Tearing Marineland down will leave people jobless and will leave these innocent animals hurt or even dead. I've always enjoyed going to oceanariums and aquariums and swimming with dolphins, just think about how many kids won't get the experience of going with real life dolphins and swimming with them and enjoying all the other amazing sights at marine land.

Instead of tearing Marineland down, give it to the people who want to continue marineland as it is, keep the animals in their homes, and continue to inspire people for many years to come.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Preserving sealife is a huge deal to everyone I'm sure, and if selling the location is what you want then that will endanger all the sea animals lives. They are always well treated animals and deserve to keep the same respect and once again they will lose that if this decision is made. And me personally, I really like dolphins and would be disappointed to know they've gotten into the wrong hands. These animals should all be helped and someone should make sure that they're all going to be alright.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

10/29/2025

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

We need to make sure we preserve as much habitat as we can. The ocean is constantly polluted with plastics and this place is a beautiful and safe environment. That may help us keep some wild life from becoming extinct. There's tons of land where people would love to live where it is much safer for the people. There are other areas with a lot more room that would fit apartments better. These animals are fed well. The food is checked regularly to make sure it is safe. This gives them the ability for the marine biologists to care for these animals. These small healthy habitats should be preserved at all costs.

Sincerely, 

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

Please postpone the selling of marineland. There is so much history that came from this magical place. It was the first place to train dolphins and even the first to discover echolocation on site. They also have grown and inspired people through their educational center to help youth find a career like getting into animal care or conservation or even science. They have been around, spreading joy and educating people since they opened in 1938. They hold so many good memories like the first ever successful dolphin in human care.

So please don't let it end. Let it live on and let it continue to bring joy to everyone and help the care of the animals themselves.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

I love Marineland. My family and I went once before and it was great. My little brother and little sister go a lot though and they love to see the dolphins, turtles, and fish. Marineland inspired my father to get a fish tank. It is also very old and a historical site for Flagler and Florida. Please don't sell it to another company that will tear it down. It also inspires my little sister to be a Marine Biologist. When we heard it might be getting taken down my little sister was traumatized, she was so sad. Please consider making it a historical site, so it doesn't get bought out by a company that doesn't care for the sea animals.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

I am a sophomore in Flagler Palm Coast High School. I am writing to advocate for the preservation of Marineland, I am a vital part of our community's identity. Marineland has served as an invaluable educational resource, offering unique insights into marine life and conservation for decades. Its continued existence is crucial for future generations to learn about and appreciate marine ecosystems.

Marineland also stands as a significant cultural landmark, holding countless memories for families and visitors, thereby enriching our community's social fabric. Demolishing Marineland would erase these shared experiences and diminish the unique history that defines us.

Furthermore, Marineland presents an opportunity for economic revitalization, attracting tourists and supporting local businesses. Investing in its renovation and modernization will ensure it remains a vibrant destination that contributes to our local economy. Preserving Marineland is an investment in our community's past, present, and future.

Sincerely,



[REDACTED]

October 29, 2025

The Honorable Laurie S. Silverstein
Flagler County Courthouse
Bunnell, FL 32110

Re: Preservation of Marineland Oceanarium

Dear Judge Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a sophomore at Flagler Palm Coast High School. Please take into consideration not allowing the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. Marineland is a home to many sea life and a place for them to get better and heal. The workers there care for these animals as their own family, they have even trained them to do tricks. Marineland was the 1st oceanarium in the world, many tourists have visited this place since it was built in 1938. Not only is it a place to look at interesting sea animals, it's an educational center that inspires many youth for careers in science, conservation, and animal care. Marineland is where echolocation was discovered; it was the location of early studies on dolphin sonar in the mid-20th century. With all of this history that comes with the building, why tear it down and build another building?

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a freshmen at FPC. Please do not remove marineland from us just to make some apartment buildings. Yes lots of tourists and people are coming here to look for a place to live but is it really worth it? You are taking away many kids' favorite memories with their families, one of them being me. I still remember when I was 7 and my parents first brought me to marineland cause it was local and I loved the ocean, I still do.

Seeing those animals still makes me so shocked. I knew it would be the closest I would ever be to an animal. I still remember my dad's face when he saw how much I knew about all the animals at my age. He was so proud he had such a smart girl. This place means so much to me, my family, and many others all around the county. This is something kids will treasure for the rest of their lives and you are really considering taking this away from us, from me.

You could take anything but you decide to take the first place to have ocean animals live with others in a habitat other than the ocean in the whole world. There are still animals living there. Based on the habitat they've been raised in, if you put them back in the ocean they will be food for bigger and stronger animals. These animals, these experiences, and people changed so many lives, most likely wanting people to get more into ocean life. I know it for sure did for me, I still am amazed by the ocean anytime we drive by.

There are so many things that live there that made it its sanctuary and now we get to see how they live with a closer look than most people will ever have and they want to take this away to build some stupid apartment building that they can make anywhere else. Please for my sake, the animals sake, and the families that will never get to experience this cause you took it away, save it.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a freshman at FPCHS and I do not allow the sale of Marineland because Marineland is one of the most fun places I have ever been to. I have had one of the most memorable times with my father at Marineland. Me and my dad LOVE to go fishing at the beach next to Marineland. The animals at Marineland are so cute and when you experience them in person it's just a wonderful experience to see. I would love to see Marineland continue with people who want to help animals and keep animals lives going as much as they can live for, animals need care and Marineland does all of that. Marineland inspired me to look into water animal history. I have been scuba diving since I went to Marineland and underwater is just absolutely beautiful! It would be wonderful if you would not let the sale of Marineland go to people who just want to tear it down and put real estate on the land and let all those animals go into the wild and not survive. Instead, let's give Marineland to someone who wants to keep the company going and who cares about animals.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Case No
25-10606 (LSS)

[REDACTED]
Selling of Marineland
10/29/25

Dear Judge Silverstein,

I am writing to respectfully express my deep concern regarding the potential sale of Marineland. I believe that such a sale would be detrimental not only to the community and the environment, but also to the welfare of the animals and the legacy that Marineland represents. Marineland is not just a property or a business — it is a landmark institution with decades of history tied to education, conservation, and tourism. For generations, it has been part of the cultural and environmental fabric of the region, fostering public awareness about marine life and contributing significantly to local employment and tourism.

A sale, particularly to a party with primarily commercial or development interests, could jeopardize the welfare of the animals currently housed there and permanently alter the character of the site. The unique expertise, infrastructure, and ethical responsibility required to care for these animals cannot be easily replicated by new owners who may not share Marineland's original mission or values. Moreover, there is a real risk that the animals could be relocated, neglected, or subjected to unsuitable conditions during or after the transition. Beyond animal welfare, the potential sale poses serious risks to the surrounding community and ecosystem. Marineland's location has ecological importance, and unregulated development could lead to environmental degradation, increased pollution, and loss of public access to the waterfront.

Instead of selling, I urge the court to explore alternatives that prioritize preservation — such as partnerships with conservation organizations, public-private collaborations, or nonprofit management models. These options could help stabilize operations while ensuring Marineland's mission continues to serve the public good.

Your decision carries significant implications for the community, the environment, and the legacy of a cherished institution. I respectfully ask that the court consider the long-term impact and uphold Marineland's role as a site of education, conservation, and ethical stewardship. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

10/29/25

Dear Jude Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] I'm currently in 10th grade, attending Florida Palm Coast High school. I'm writing to express my profound concern regarding the potential closure of Marineland and the proposed plan to develop the land into real estate. I understand the complexities due to the population expanding in Flagler County and the need for more housing. If Marineland is closed without a humane plan for the animals' future, many of them—some endangered, elderly, or requiring specialized care—will face euthanasia or suffer greatly from being displaced. These creatures are living, feeling beings who have spent their entire lives under human care. To take away their only home and end their lives for the sake of development would be both tragic and unnecessary.

Beyond the immediate loss of life, allowing Marineland to be destroyed would send a devastating message: that profit and property can outweigh compassion, responsibility, and our moral duty to protect vulnerable creatures. This is not just about land—it is about life, stewardship, and the kind of society we want to be.

I respectfully ask the Court to consider every possible alternative to closure, such as transferring ownership to a qualified sanctuary, nonprofit organization, or wildlife foundation that can ensure the animals' continued care. With collaboration and creativity, a solution can be found that serves both justice and humanity.

Thank you, Your Honor, for taking the time to hear this plea. I trust that your decision will reflect both wisdom and compassion for all living beings affected.

I implore the court to consider the devastating impact such a decision would have on the animals currently residing there. These creatures, many of whom are endangered or require specialized care, face certain death if displaced or euthanized.

Beyond the ethical considerations, the closure of Marineland would set a dangerous precedent. It would signal that economic interests can supersede our responsibility to protect vulnerable species and preserve natural habitats. Furthermore, the destruction of this unique environment would rob future generations of the opportunity to learn about and appreciate these magnificent animals.

I respectfully request that the court explore all possible alternatives to closure, including transferring ownership to a sanctuary or conservation organization equipped to provide long-term care for the animals. I believe that with creative solutions and a commitment to ethical stewardship, we can find a path forward that protects both the animals and the interests of the community.

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a freshman in FPC. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to go to a company that wants to tear it down and build real estate. I'm tired and so many people in Florida do not want to see more apartment buildings. Our roads are not big enough to handle more traffic. Sometimes I have to sit and wait 5 to 10 mins for a light to turn green in my area, same with others. The traffic is terrible because of the amount of people there is. Palm coast doesn't have enough jobs to support all the people we have already the amount of people without jobs is insane to me a study report says that only approximately 424,000 that's a lot of people without a job.

WE don't need more real estate. Please don't let the sale go.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

10/29/25

Saving MarineLand

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

In my opinion as a sophomore in high school, I wish you would not let MarineLand and all its history be destroyed. Dolphins are such beautiful creatures and the fact that MarineLand is one of the first aquariums to show, help, and teach people about them is monumental. Selling to a company that just wants to tear it down and create buildings just to put money in their pockets in Florida even though Florida is already overdeveloped is a sad sight to see. Streets lined with apartments and hotels is what the new generation of kids will see instead of this magical place. Eliminating this place is eliminating 1 more place that helps injured sea creatures. Not to mention the bonds the employees have with the animals and how sad they both will be to see their home destroyed. Please don't let these real estate company's tear down this place of education and sanctuary that has inspired people to help.

- Sincerely

Landen to marineland

To judge Laurie S. Silverstein, My teacher
Has informed me that marineland is
shutting down, And someone wants to buy
It and turn it into apartments, I think
This would be horrible because Florida
is and has already put up so much
apartments and I don't think there needs
to be any more, Now that is even the big
problem there are beautiful creatures that
deserve to keep there home and keep
there place, When they are moved around
or go to a worse place that can make
them very nervous and scared which is not
good for the animals. ... marineland has
many animals that shouldn't have anything
happen to them, There is 17 bottlenose Dolphins,
6 red footed boobies, 1 sea turtle, 4 Nurse sharks,
11 Cow nose rays, Green moray Eel, And
3 bamboo sharks, these animals deserve
to stay safe and I hope the people who want
to buy the place and turn it into apartments get
the land or these animals lives can be on the line.
I appreciate you letting us send in some letters
to show how important this place and
animals truly are to us and the whole
community.

Khondor Jackson

10/20/25

Dear Judge

Why would you want to take down
was the first aquarium to have different
types of water animal species. Its technically
a historical spot per Florida count and Florida.
We should keep it down for support men's
where will the animals go you cant just put them
back in the ocean. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Case No 25-10606 (LSS)

10-24-25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Sherstein

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Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

10/29/25

Dear Judge Laurie S. Silverstein,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sophomore at FCHS. Please do not allow the sale of Marineland to happen. I remember going to Marineland when I was a little kid with my brother during our summer camp. I was fascinated looking at the dolphins. Touching the rays. Going to visit Marineland can be an inspiring experience for people wanting to be a marine biology. Please do not allow the sell of the property to happen. Instead give it to people who want to continue Marineland as it is. Marineland has a lot of history. It was the first Oceanarium. It was the 1st successful dolphin birth in human care.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]