

Dear Governor DeSantis,

The passing of House Bill 631 resulted in beachfront homeowners in Walton County being able to claim ownership of the beach behind their homes that was previously available to the public. This is outrageous and unique to Walton County.

We need your help to repeal House Bill 631. If the bill isn't repealed, tourism in Walton County will be severely impacted and have a downstream impact on all businesses in the county. If you take tourism from the Walton County economy, there isn't a lot left. Homebuilding, real estate, vacation rentals, restaurants, supermarkets, gas stations, tourism charters and retailers will all be impacted.

We need your help as this situation is now getting national attention. The Wall Street Journal recently wrote an article about the crazy situation in Walton County. See this link: <https://www.wsj.com/real-estate/luxury-homes/walton-county-florida-private-beach-war-e3fa3131>

And social media is coming down very hard on Walton County, highlighting beachfront owners who are kicking people "off their beach", tourists asking if it is still "safe" to visit the beaches in Walton County, declining vacation rental bookings and more.

Don't let tourism and the economy die in Walton County. Please repeal House Bill 631 and return our beaches to the public - as they were prior to the passing of this bill.

Sincerely,