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Punit Shah
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2807 E. Busch Blvd
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RE: Green Lodging

Dear Mr. Shah:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's *Green Lodging* Program and the Southwest District, I want to thank Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tampa for its commitment to helping protect and preserve Florida's natural resources.

With more than 83 million visitors to Florida a year and 50 percent of those visitors staying in facilities that range from resorts to bed & breakfasts, our lodging industry has a unique opportunity to support "green" practices that will help keep our environment clean and healthy. By implementing best management practices and adopting the standards of the Florida *Green Lodging* Program, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tampa has earned its place as an environmental leader in Florida's lodging industry.

Your active involvement, hard work and dedication demonstrates your resolve in helping to sustain our state's economy, environment and quality of life, and we congratulate you on achieving designation in the Florida *Green Lodging* Program.

Again, thank you for helping to meet the challenge of preserving our natural resources for future generations. Best wishes for continued progress with your environmental initiatives.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah A. Getzoff'.

Deborah A. Getzoff
District Director
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