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Subject: Sargassum problem on Miami Beach

Reply-To:

Dear Commissioners,

As a long time Miami Beach resident with business interests in the city, would like to know what efforts, if any, are being done to deal with the Sargassum problem. I know that we are not the only ones having to deal with this issue and I am not sure if there is even a solution other than constant removal, but many islands in the Caribbean have seen a significant drop in business and tourism due to Sargassum on their beaches. In general, the Caribbean Islands do not have the infrastructure to to handle it.

This is a very visible problem and it would be nice if local government could send out something to residents to the effect of what is, can, and will be done to manage the problem. Hopefully, like hurricanes, the Sargassum will run it's course and disappear in a few years, but the damaging effects could last much longer.

Regards,

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