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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to provide my support for the need to digitally capture *local* coral reef and beach environments (digital twins) before they are gone.

I have become concerned about the survivability of our oceans treasures for some time now and feel that it is time for more engagement of individuals and governmental agencies involved in change management.

For years now, many state, federal and individual organizations have documented an exceptional diversity in the Keys. This extensive research also revealed that the Keys are especially susceptible to invasive species, like the lionfish rapid invasion.

The Keys are highly connected to the marine science and tourism industry for Florida, making a substantial contribution to the wellbeing of our oceans treasures.

An implementation of WFCRC’s **Collaborative Beach and Coral Reef Registry** will help in the long term understanding of the important role that the oceans play in our lives. I sincerely hope this novel idea of combining these transitional zones, between the science of coral reefs and human impacts, and how they have affected the ecosystems we want to protect, will be adopted as a primary source of relevant local information now and for the long term.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for this initiative.

Sincerely, Affiliation, Date,