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To Mayor Rex Hardin and the City of Pompano Beach Commission,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed Jellyfish Museum in Pompano Beach. This project represents a remarkable opportunity to advance STEM education and provide transformative learning experiences for students in our community. As the supervisor over STEM and Computer Science curriculum for Broward County Public Schools and the lead for the Broward Area STEM Ecosystem, I believe the museum's focus on interactive, marine-themed programming will have a profound impact on students' understanding of science and the natural world.

The Jellyfish Museum will play a pivotal role in enhancing educational opportunities through:

- Hands-on Learning Experiences that immerse students in marine science, fostering curiosity and critical thinking. By connecting theoretical concepts to real-world applications.
- Field Trip Opportunities for Title 1 Schools offers many under-resourced schools in Broward County a unique chance to engage students and inspire a love for science.
- Supplementing Classroom Curriculum as an extension of the classroom, offering programs and workshops that align with state science standards. Educators will enhance lesson plans with museum resources, creating a richer learning experience for all students.
- Encouraging Marine Conservation Awareness through its focus on jellyfish and marine ecosystems, educating students on the importance of ocean conservation and environmental stewardship.

By creating a space that combines education, engagement, and inspiration, the Jellyfish Museum will leave a lasting impact on the students and families of Broward County Public Schools.

Sincerely,



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