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TRACY C. CANTELLA Secretary

September 7, 2023

Mr. Jack Fernandez, Jr. Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP 101 E. Kennedy Boulevard Suite 1200 Tampa, FL 33602

## **VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

Re: Executive Order of Suspension, Exec. Order No. 23-160

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

As noted in our prior correspondence, the Senate's process for acting on the matter of reinstatement to or removal from office is governed by Part V, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and Senate Rule 12. Senate Rule 12.9 states, in relevant part, the Senate process shall be held in abeyance and the matter shall not be considered by the Senate until final determination of a court challenge and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies.

Given the challenge initiated with the Florida Supreme Court, President Passidomo has directed me to inform you the matter of the reinstatement or removal of your client, Ms. Worrell, from office by the Florida Senate is now held in abeyance.

The Senate respectfully requests you keep Mr. Rey apprised as to the progress of the aforementioned litigation. Senate Rules provide the President discretion to proceed if she determines due process requires the Senate to move forward.

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Respectfully,

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