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Re: Executive Order of Suspension, Number 19-14  
Suspension of Mr. Scott Israel, Sheriff  
Broward County, FL

Counsel:

I write with regard to Senate Rule 12.9(2) given the challenge of Executive Order 19-4 by way of a Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto in Broward County's 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court yesterday.

When a suspension is challenged in court, Senate Rule 12.9(2) requires all inquiry, investigation, or hearings be held in abeyance until the final determination of a court challenge and the exhaustion of appellate remedies, if any, have occurred. Notwithstanding the requirement for holding in abeyance, it is within the discretion of the Senate to proceed if the parties consent or the President determines due process so requires.

Therefore, I am requesting a statement with reasoning from each party as to (1) whether you consent and desire to move forward with the proceedings as scheduled and (2) whether due process requires the Senate to proceed. Please provide your statements no later than Monday, March 11, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

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To avoid any ex parte communications please respond in writing to all parties, including my email address (Goodlette.Dudley@flsenate.gov).

Sincerely,

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Special Master