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Dudley Goodlette, Special Master
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Re: Scott Israel
Executive Order of Suspension, Executive Order No. 19-14
Request for Abeyance of Proceedings

Dear Special Master Goodlette:

In accordance with Senate Rule 12.9(2), Sheriff Scott Israel invokes the abeyance provision of the executive suspension review process until the final resolution of proceedings pending in *Israel v. DeSantis*, Circuit Case No. CACE-19-005019 (17th Judicial Circuit, Broward County). Judicial review of the Governor's suspension order was initiated by Sheriff Israel to challenge the partisan political nature of the suspension against the constitutional constraints imposed by the Florida Constitution. Because the Governor was without authority to suspend Sheriff Israel in the absence of any allowable ground for invocation of the constitutional suspension power, Senate review is properly reserved until the conclusion of the litigation. A stay of proceedings is consistent with considerations of fundamental fairness and due process. Sheriff Israel does not consent to continuing with the Senate review until final resolution of the litigation. The stay should include an abeyance of the schedule set by the Special Mater at the Case Management Conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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