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VIA E-MAIL ONLY (goodlette.dudley@flsenate.gov)

Dudley Goodlette, Special Master
The Florida Senate
The Capitol, Suite 409
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Executive Order 19-14
Suspension of Scott Israel

Dear Special Master Goodlette –

In response to your letter dated April 23, 2019, I can report that both parties have conferred and attempted to agree on a proposed schedule for continuing the Senate hearing of Executive Order 19-14. However, we have been unable to agree in full.

The parties were able to agree to the following:

- 1) Friday, May 3, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.: Scott Israel will file his Defenses and Response to the Bill of Particulars
- 2) Friday, May 10, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.: Scott Israel will file his Witness and Exhibit List

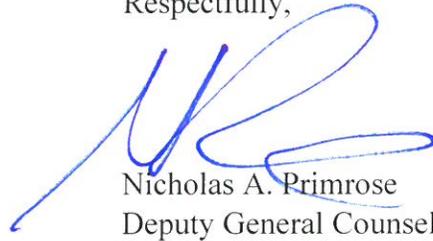
The Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis (“EOG”) intends to present a streamlined case in an expedited manner. Therefore, I proposed a prehearing conference on Tuesday, May 21st at 1:00 p.m., with a final hearing beginning on Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. (Wednesday, June 12th, if needed). By way of reference, the other pending proceeding is scheduled for a final hearing on Tuesday, May 28th.

Mr. Kuehne has proposed a schedule that requests more time for his pretrial preparation. He has proposed having a prehearing conference on either June 5, 6, or 7, with a final hearing beginning on Monday, June 24th. He has notified me that he is not available for a prehearing conference on May 21 due to competing professional commitments.

Both parties respectfully request a case management conference to discuss the proceedings considering the inability of both parties to reach an agreement on a proposed schedule for the prehearing conference and final hearing dates. Mr. Kuehne requested that I

inform you of his intention to proceed expeditiously, but he needs the requested time to prepare this matter and handle his other competing professional commitments. EOG would prefer to not delay these proceedings any longer than they have already been delayed due to litigation. EOG would also prefer that both pending executive suspensions be held in close proximity and with expeditious review.

Respectfully,



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