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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 –

Please see the Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis' response to your letter dated Friday, March 8, 2019.

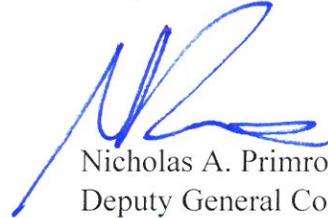
On January 29, 2019, after knowing the contents of Executive Order 19-14, Scott Israel formally requested the Florida Senate review the Executive Order. Mr. Israel's attorney attended and participated in the case management conference on February 19, 2019, including requesting a bill of particulars from the Governor's office. Four days before Mr. Israel's deadline to file a response to the bill of particulars, and after the Governor disclosed his witnesses and exhibits, Mr. Israel initiated *Scott Israel v. Ron DeSantis*, 19-CA-005019 (Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County).

Florida Senate Rule 12.9(2) does not contemplate civil litigation that is initiated after a suspended official formally requests a Senate hearing and actively participates in the process. Nor should Florida Senate Rule 12.9(2) be used as a shield after formally requesting the Florida Senate exercise their jurisdiction authorized in Article IV, section 7(b) of the Florida Constitution.

Therefore, the Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis consents and requests that the Florida Senate process, as articulated in Rule 12, continue as previously scheduled.

As to the question of due process, that question is unresolved. *See, Reams v. Scott*, No. 4:18-cv-00154 (RH), 2018 WL 5809967 (N.D. Fla. Nov. 6, 2018).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'N' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

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