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January 16, 2019

Debbie Brown Secretary The Florida Senate Suite 405 Capitol 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: Executive Order of Suspension, Exec. Order No. 19-13

Dear Secretary Brown:

This firm represents Mary Beth Jackson regarding the above-captioned Executive Order dated January 14, 2019. Mrs. Jackson requests a formal hearing, disputing all of the allegations contained in the Executive Order.

At this time, we do not know how many witnesses we may call related to the defense of Mrs. Jackson. We know it is within the discretion of the Senate President to decide whether the matter should be heard before a committee or special master. We respectfully request a special master be appointed to preside over the evidentiary hearing. That method would appear to be the most efficient process for accepting witness testimony and documents for the Senate record.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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George T. Levesque

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cc: Jeremiah Hawkes, Esquire General Counsel The Florida Senate

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