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Dear Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police,

Our communities have been no stranger to the violence that criminal illegal aliens have subjected to our friends, families, and loved ones across the state and country. We owe it to our fellow Floridians that serving our communities and protecting them from harm and violence is of the utmost of our responsibilities, for which we must host a united effort across our partners in federal, state, and the local law enforcement agencies that you lead.

After four years of disastrous border and immigration policies that the former Biden Administration subjected to our country, the American people overwhelmingly entrusted President Trump to secure our border and protect the American homeland from the violence that criminal illegal aliens have instituted in our country. This is not just a duty for our law enforcement and border patrol partners at the southern and northern borders, but for every single law enforcement agency in Florida and the United States.

On President Trump's first day in office, he issued Executive Order (EO) 14159, *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*, which requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to authorize such state and local law enforcement officials in your department under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) the authority to perform specified immigration officer functions under ICE's direction and oversight. As we collaborate with partners across all echelons of government on how we can implement President Trump's priority in securing our border and protecting the American homeland, and therefore the will of the American people, I trust that you are aware of this critical program.

On behalf of the constituents of Florida's 17th Congressional District, I urge you to enroll your department in the 287(g) program, in accordance with your sworn duty to uphold and enforce the laws of the State of Florida and the United States. With that being said, I respectfully request your response to the following questions by Tuesday, May 6, 2025:

1. Is your agency enrolled, or currently in the process of enrolling, in ICE's 287(g) program pursuant to the INA and in accordance with EO 14159?
 - a. If not, please issue a detailed explanation to why your department does not intend to enroll in the 287(g) program.
2. Is your agency currently receiving, or seeking to receive, any grant or funding opportunity provided by the federal government?

I trust that your department will continue to uphold all federal and state laws and join the united effort in protecting the American people.

Sincerely,

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