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Donna Deegan, Mayor City of Jacksonville

As Florida's Chief Financial Officer, I am committed to fighting waste, fraud, and abuse at all levels of Florida government. Accountability and transparency are of the utmost importance to me, and I possess broad constitutional and statutory audit authority to ensure fiscal responsibility from those entrusted with state dollars.

Pursuant to Florida law, and in partnership with Florida DOGE, I have undertaken wide-ranging audits of Florida governmental entities. I expect all governmental entities and personnel subject to audit to comply with their obligations under Florida law. This includes not only providing the audit team with full access to the requested records, but also providing access without additional restrictions.

It has come to my attention that some governmental entities are attempting to require my audit team to sign documents that limit the audit authority of this office. Let me be clear, we will not execute documents including, but not limited to, non-disclosure agreements, technology use agreements, acceptable use policies, indemnification agreements, and cost-sharing agreements while performing audits under the authority of this office. These types of documents slow and impede the important work of the auditors and are nothing but roadblocks to the transparency that Floridians deserve. My team understands their obligations under Florida law, including public records requirements, and they work with the highest integrity.

I would also like to remind you that I maintain authority under chapter 17, Florida Statutes, to demand full answers, under oath, from any person related to the audit. Specifically, I have the power to:

- Issue subpoenas, administer oaths, and examine witnesses;
- Require answers in writing, under oath, as to all facts and circumstances of the matter to be audited:
- Require witnesses to appear before me at a specified time and place and bring books, records, and documents for inspection; and
- Petition the court to compel a person to appear, at the person's expense.

I will not hesitate to use this authority, to the maximum extent allowed by law, to provide accountability to Floridians, especially if I continue to be met with resistance.

Sincerely,

Blaise Ingoglia
Chief Financial Officer