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The Honorable Laurel M. Lee  
Secretary of State  
Florida Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

I write to request a special session of the Florida Legislature be held at the earliest convenience under the provisions of Article III, Section (3)(c)(2) of the Florida Constitution and Section 11.011(2), Florida Statutes.

Recent events in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio serve as a stark reminder of the inadequate measures taken to-date to safeguard our citizenry against similar gun-related violence via the passage of common-sense gun reform proposals. The targeted killing of Hispanic/Latino citizens by a domestic terrorist in El Paso, Texas should compel us to take immediate action to safeguard all of Florida's residents, including its more than 4 million Hispanic/Latino residents.

The members of the Florida House and Senate who have affixed their signatures to identical letters each attest to the urgency of the situation and meet the requirements in law to compel a full survey of members of the Legislature.

Please accept this letter, and identical letters and signatures of my colleagues in the Legislature, as certification that a special session is warranted. It is my understanding that Section 11.011(2), Florida Statutes, that these certifications will prompt a full poll of the Legislature to determine if three-fifths of the House and Senate concur in calling a special session for the purpose of considering proposals to:

- Require background checks for the transfer of all firearms;
- Prohibit the sale, transfer or possession of large capacity magazines;
- Reduce the duration of licenses required to carry concealed firearms;
- Revise requirements for the safe storage of weapons in the home;
- Expand the number of individuals that can petition a court for a risk-protection order where a gun owner is believed to be a risk to themselves or others; and
- Establish an Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force focused on reducing day-to-day gun violence.

We appreciate your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

Javier E. Fernández  
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