

June 1, 2024

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Voting Rights for President Donald J. Trump

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Florida Justice Center (FLJC) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 legal aid organization helping people overcome barriers caused by an arrest and/or conviction. We are nonpartisan legal experts in Florida's laws regarding all forms of clemency and expungement. Our goals are to interpret the current law, provide free and low-cost legal services, and provide expert legal advice to legislators and administrative agencies seeking to amend existing laws or introduce new laws.

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With the confusion noted in local and national news media regarding the voting rights of President Donald J. Trump, and in light of recent articles highlighting your statement that the former president will qualify to vote in the upcoming election, we would be honored to meet with you and/or your representatives to discuss the interpretation of the law and the benefits of **amending the text of Florida Statute 98.0751** – Restoration of voting rights; termination of ineligibility subsequent to a felony conviction.

We are grateful for the clarification regarding out-of-state convictions. We believe that immediately amending this statute could help remove some of the uncertainty surrounding President Trump's voting rights and his ability to vote in the November election without question by any party. We also believe that such clarity will extend to the numerous others with out-of-state and federal convictions that are unsure of their ability to register and vote and provide additional confidence in the electoral process.

Since we both agree that this is a matter of state and national importance, it is my sincere hope that you will accept our offer to arrange a meeting with FLJC attorney, Alex Saiz, Esq., and myself to discuss amending the statute. We can be reached at Legal@FLJC.org.

Respectfully,

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