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To: Primrose, Nicholas [REDACTED]
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Dear Gentleman,

In follow up to our brief phone conversation this morning which took me a bit off guard, I have had an opportunity to think about the issues we discussed. I was appointed initially to the JNC by then Governor Crist on 9/11/08, reappointed numerous times thereafter by then Governor Scott, and my current appointment was on 3/31/17 with an ending date of 7/1/20.

I have essentially served on the Commission for over a decade and I have given my heart and soul to ensuring that the best qualified applicants ascend to the bench. This has resulted in what I believe to be some of the finest jurists in the 18th Judicial Circuit throughout the State of Florida.

I have served as the Chairman of the Commission for many years which makes me primarily responsible for handling all aspects of the appointment process. I have never had a single complaint brought to my attention during my tenure.

Both prior administrations not only actively solicited my input as Chairman of the Commission once the short list was submitted to their office but also welcomed any "initiated" input I had as well. Based upon same, I was **not** specifically aware of the Section VIII prohibition which you brought to my attention for the first time this morning.

While I recognize the "technical" violation of the referenced section, I believe there is some mitigation associated with same in light of the above history.

I have always been a strong supporter of Governor DeSantis throughout his candidacy and in fact, I hosted a fundraiser for him at my house prior to office.

I recognize that every administration handles things differently and now that I am fully aware of Governor DeSantis' (and your) policy and procedures on appointments, I have no doubt that there will be strict compliance by all Commission members, as well as myself.

During our phone conversation, you thought it would be best if I tendered my resignation at what amounts to be a year earlier than my current term ending.

I would truly appreciate the opportunity, if possible, to continue on the Commission if the two of you and the Governor would reconsider your position on same.

I look forward to your thoughts and appreciate all that you do for the great State of Florida!

--Alan Landman

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