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Mr. Richard Montecalvo
Office of the State Attorney
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P.O. Box 399
Fort Myers, Florida 33902

Dear Mr. Montecalvo:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the enactment of HB 5401. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**. In cases where a discretionary extension of no more than twenty-five days is needed, as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution, please contact me.

Administrative support for the Commission will be provided by the Governor's Office, pursuant to section 43.291(7), Florida Statutes. This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. Our Director of Judicial Appointments, Meredith Pardo (850-717-9448; Meredith.Pardo@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission's handling of this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Newman".

Ryan Newman
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable J. Frank Porter
Chief Judge