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Sheriff Clovis Watson
Alachua County Sheriff Office
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Dear Sheriff Watson:

I am President of the Florida Action Committee (FAC), a 2500+ member non-profit organization that advocates for public safety and laws based on empirical research. Our focus is on the Florida Sex Offender Registry. Many of our members are on the registry.

Our organization recently contacted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) concerning the policy for interstate travel. Many members have been mis-informed that they are required to report when they leave the state of Florida. The FDLE confirmed that is NOT the case. The requirement to report interstate travel is only required when the individual intends to establish a temporary, transient, or permanent residence.

Accordingly, if someone flies to New York (for example) for a business meeting and returns the next day, there is no requirement under Florida Statutes to report. Similarly, if someone crosses the border into Georgia or Alabama without establishing a temporary, transient, or permanent residence in those states, they are also not required to report.

It has been relayed to us by *several* members that certain Sheriff's Offices have been informing them that they must register whenever they leave the state, irrespective of whether they will be establishing a temporary, transient, or permanent residence elsewhere. If your County is enforcing such a requirement, please reply to this letter with the citation to your local ordinance where this requirement can be found.

If you have been enforcing this rule in error, the purpose of this letter is to provide a friendly notice of the statutory requirements and FDLE's interpretation, so that any misinterpretation can be corrected. In either case I would appreciate a reply to this letter so that we can provide our members with accurate information.

Sincerely,
/s/ Gail Colletta
Gail Colletta, President
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