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MAYOR

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis

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

The Honorable Jared W. Perdue, P.E.

Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
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RE: Opposition to Engineering and Operations Memorandum No. 26-01 — Revocation of General Use Permits for Automated License Plate Readers

Dear Governor DeSantis and Secretary Perdue:

As Mayor of Miami Beach, I write to express my strong opposition to Engineering and Operations Memorandum No. 26-01, issued August 31, 2026, which revokes all General Use Permits for Automated License Plate Reader (LPR) systems within the right-of-way of roads on the State Highway System and directs their removal within 30 days.

Miami Beach shares the Department's respect for the privacy rights of Florida residents and visitors, and I recognize that legitimate questions about data retention, access, and oversight deserve serious legislative attention. But a blanket, 30-day revocation of every LPR permit on state roads, with no transition plan, no local input, and no distinction between well-governed municipal programs and the misuse the Department cites as justification, is the wrong tool to address those concerns. It punishes responsible cities alongside any bad actors, and it does so almost overnight.

In Miami Beach, LPR technology has been a demonstrated public safety asset, used to:

- Trace vehicles fleeing the scene of violent crimes and locate suspects before and after they leave our jurisdiction;
- Recover stolen vehicles and stolen property;
- Locate missing and vulnerable individuals;
- Identify and apprehend individuals responsible for armed robberies, sexual offenses, and other violent crimes.

Much of Miami Beach's core infrastructure — including Collins Avenue and other state roads — is part of the State Highway System. For our residents, this is not an abstract policy debate: it is the removal of tools our police department relies on every day to keep our streets, our beaches, and our community safe.



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I respectfully request the following:

1. An immediate pause on enforcement of the 30-day removal deadline pending consultation with affected municipalities;
2. A formal process for local law enforcement agencies to petition for continued, permitted use of LPR systems under enhanced state oversight, audit, and data-governance standards, rather than a categorical ban;
3. A seat at the table for municipal leaders and local law enforcement as the Legislature considers statewide LPR regulation, including any "AI Bill of Rights" or similar framework; and
4. Clear, published criteria distinguishing responsible municipal LPR programs from the misuse cited as the basis for this memorandum.

I am not asking the Department or the Governor to ignore legitimate privacy concerns. I am asking for the opportunity to solve this problem together, through accountability and oversight, not blanket removal of a tool that has helped our city solve serious crimes and bring closure to victims and families.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your teams at your earliest convenience to discuss a path forward that protects both public safety and the privacy of Florida residents.

Respectfully,

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