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Subject: EOG DOGE Efforts & Inquiry Regarding Financial Condition Under Section 218.503, Florida Statutes

Dear County Official,

Pursuant to Executive Order 25-44, the **Executive Office of the Governor has established an EOG DOGE Team** which will use advanced technology to identify, review, and report on unnecessary spending within county and municipal governments and recommend legislative reforms to promote efficiency, maximize productivity, and eliminate waste in state and local government. These efforts are focused on ensuring fiscal responsibility throughout Florida.

In addition to assessing your county's publicly available information over the coming weeks and months, the EOG DOGE Team is also assessing compliance with the financial management requirements set forth in **section 218.503, Florida Statutes**. This provision outlines the circumstances under which a local governmental entity is deemed to be in financial emergency or distress, triggering necessary corrective actions.

To fulfill our oversight role, and in accordance with article IV, section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, we respectfully request confirmation as to whether your county has encountered any instances of financial emergency or distress, including those listed in section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, such as:

1. **Failure to pay short-term loans or obligations when due** as a result of lack of funds.
2. **Failure to make debt service payments on bonds, loans, or other debt instruments** when due.
3. **Failure to timely pay uncontested claims from creditors** for more than 90 days due to lack of funds.
4. **Failure to transfer taxes, social security contributions, or retirement plan contributions** as required by law.
5. **An unreserved or total fund balance deficit in the general fund or any major operating fund** that persists for two consecutive years.

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If your county has encountered any of these conditions since State Fiscal Year 2018-19, or anticipates potential financial distress in the next six months, please provide a written response in keeping with your obligations under section 218.503(2)-(3), Florida Statutes, detailing the specific circumstances, any corrective actions taken, a point of contact, and any additional information relevant to compliance with statutory financial obligations.

Please submit your response to eogdodge@laspbs.state.fl.us no later than April 8, 2025 to ensure timely review and, if necessary, assistance from state authorities. If we do not receive a response from you within 45 days, it will be presumed that your county is in possible statutory violation and in need of assistance. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact eogdodge@laspbs.state.fl.us.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the fiscal integrity of local governmental operations.

Sincerely,

EOG DOGE Team