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Honorable Berny Jacques
State Representative, District 59
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Dear Representative Jacques,

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 20, 2024, expressing concern about the impact of transnational gang activity in Florida. Thank you for your continued support of the law enforcement community in our great state. I appreciate your concern for the wellbeing of our citizens.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Office of Statewide Intelligence (OSI), in partnership with Homeland Security Investigations and Florida's regional fusion centers began to monitor the presence of subjects believed to be affiliated with the gang Tren de Aragua (TdA) in early 2024. Our inspectors and analysts conducted extensive research on suspected encounters, origins of the gang, suspected allied cartels and affiliates, indicators of membership, and the culture of the gang, which included the known criminal activities gang members commit. The research indicated a limited number of incidents in Florida with a suspected, but unverified nexus to TdA.

In March, OSI provided an in-depth briefing to FDLE leadership. OSI members developed and disseminated multiple intelligence bulletins to state and local law enforcement partners to enhance awareness and knowledge of the gang. Additionally, OSI presented their research and findings at the Southern Shield Conference and to members of the Florida Department of Corrections. Each FDLE Regional Operations Center has agents and analysts assigned to pursue any criminal activity with a suspected TdA nexus.

Organized crime will continue to be a central focus area of our investigative strategy. As we collaborate with our criminal justice partners to identify and dismantle these gangs, FDLE will keep state leaders informed of any policy measures that would enhance law enforcement's ability to counter the threats presented by transnational gangs like TdA. Please let me know if the department can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Glass
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