

July 21, 2025

Dear Mayor Furr,

Over the last five years, the taxpayers of Broward County have watched as your county government has increased burdens on property owners to the annual tune of \$450 million dollars in additional ad valorem tax collections – an increase of nearly 45%. This has been part of a spending spree that has seen Broward County's annual operating budget expand by over \$1.2 billion a year, during a time when the county's population has grown less than 5%.

Having entrusted their governments with the power to tax, the citizens of Florida have a right to expect that their elected officials will spend the collected funds responsibly, not recklessly, and on truly necessary programs. Governor DeSantis has charged us, through Florida's DOGE effort, to identify and report on this type of excessive spending at the county and municipal level. In follow-up to our July 11, 2025 letter requesting information linking Broward County's sources of revenue to its expenditures, the DOGE team has identified additional information needed for our review.

In exercise of the Governor's authority under the Article 4, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Chief Financial Officer's authority under 2025 Florida Statutes 17.04 and 17.05, and the Office of Policy and Budget's authority under the Laws of Florida, chapter 2025(199), Section 124, we hereby request access to your county's physical premises, data systems, and responsive personnel, as detailed below our signatures, on July 31, 2025 and August 1, 2025 at the County Government Center and such other locations that you identify as necessary to comply with these requests.

Please reach out to the Florida DOGE team and OPB to provide us with an on-site contact for those dates, and to pose any questions regarding this request, at 850-759-2440 or EOGDOGE@laspbs.state.fl.us.

Responses to the information requests may be provided at the time of the requested access, or may be provided electronically in advance by contacting us for access to a secure electronic portal to which documents and other types of data may be uploaded.

You should note that financial penalties may accrue for your failure to comply with each of the following requests for access on those dates.



Sincerely,

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