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The Voice of Florida's Law Enforcement Officers

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By Facsimile and Mail

Donald F. Eslinger
Sheriff of Seminole County
100 Bush Boulevard
Sanford, Florida 33409

Dear Sheriff Eslinger:

Thank you for bringing to our attention the need for a reform of the Baker Act. We are in complete agreement that an overhaul is long overdue, with the safety of Florida's law enforcement officers, the public, and those suffering from severe mental illnesses being directly affected in a positive way by your proposed changes.

Consequently, on behalf of Florida Police Benevolent Association and our 30,000 plus members, it is an honor to endorse your proposed legislative changes to the Baker Act and work side by side with you and the Florida Sheriffs Association in support of this issue which is so vital to our state and its citizens. Please let us know what we can do to assist you on this most worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

Ernest W. George
President

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cc: Larry Bacon
Florida Sheriffs Association

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