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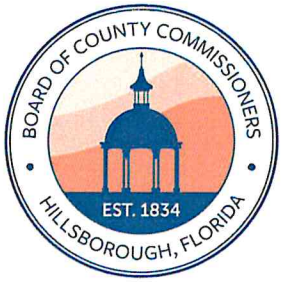

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April 8, 2025

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
PL-01, The Capital
402 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

RE: Hillsborough County Participation with EOG DOGE Team

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (Board) committing the County to fully and transparently participate in the EOG DOGE Team process created by Executive Order #25-44, including any amended or related executive order which hereafter may be issued, and any state law which may be passed and enacted.

We share the goal of serving the public effectively, efficiently, and transparently. Like the State of Florida, Hillsborough County Government has a record of strong, responsible fiscal management. It was one of the earliest and select counties both in Florida and the United States to earn a AAA bond rating, a distinction still enjoyed to this day. The Board has also lowered its property tax millage 21 times over the past 28 years. Finally, Hillsborough County continues to have one of the lowest county government employee-to-resident ratios in the state, all while still delivering excellent services demanded by our residents.

To further demonstrate our commitment to operational openness and accountability, the Board intends to create a citizen liaison committee to interface directly with the EOG DOGE Team and County administration as we collectively seek solutions to reduce local government spending. Liaison committee members will be appointed by the Board and will have expertise in accounting, finance, information technology, economics, auditing, and human resources. This approach benefits the EOG DOGE effort by availing us of private-sector expertise while simultaneously providing a venue for the public to participate, be informed, and contribute to the betterment of our community.

We appreciate the opportunity to engage with our state partners.

Sincerely,

Ken Hagan

Ken Hagan, Chair
Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners

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