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Mrs. DiBenardo,

It has been close to two years since your office authorized several homeless sex offenders to serve their supervised probation at the corner of NE 10 Ave and 79 Street. In that time, the Miami Police Department has worked alongside with Mr. Allen Davis, a member of your team, in attempting to safely monitor and supervise the offenders. This mutual cooperation was done in hopes that your department would seek permanent shelter or an alternative location for the sex offenders. I am extremely disappointed in the lack of progress and to discover that the sex offenders are now erecting tents in the public right of way at the location, a sign that they intend to make this location more than just their temporary reporting area.

In addition, the City of Miami has broken ground adjacent to this "transient encampment" what will soon be City of Miami Fire Rescue Station #13. Fire Stations serve as a "Safe Space" reception center for runaway and abused children. The proximity of these sex offenders to such a center would be detrimental to children in need in our community. The residents of the Shorecrest area have endured this hardship long enough.

This letter serves as a formal request for your department to act in a morally responsible manner and immediately remove these homeless sex offenders from their current location.

I await your response to this important matter.

Yours very truly,

Marc Sarnoff

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