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VIA FACSMILE & CERTIFIED MAIL RRR

Ms. Pam Carpenter
Alachua County Supervisor of Elections
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Dear Ms. Carpenter,

I want to thank you again for all the hard work that you and your office does. As I have stated publicly, I believe that Supervisors of Elections officials are the guardians of democracy in our country and we very much respect and appreciate the enormous task you and your office undertakes.

The reason for my writing is to again formally communicate with you regarding the timing with which we expect to receive the final shipment of Florida4Marriage.org petitions in our office. On Wednesday January 30, 2008, we will be sending to your offices by overnight mail on **Thursday morning January 31, 2008** all of the remaining petitions we have received.

This will allow your office two business days after the primary to process the petitions we have collected since January 8, 2008 when we sent the last shipment. We expect this final shipment to be a significant one so this is the reason for us giving you advanced notice. I realize the State has taken a position that you are not under a legal obligation to process these petitions before February 1, 2008 but we would be grateful for your efforts to do everything in your power to process these prior to the February 1, 2008 5:00pm certification deadline.

I also realize that some SOE offices may be backed up in processing many other petitions in addition to ours. Accordingly, we have hundreds of people around the state and specifically in your county that could be used as volunteers, deputized workers or even hired to assist you with counting and processing all of the petitions received or doing other duties so that all the petitions can be processed. Please let us know if this option is something you would like to utilize.

Thanks again for your service to the people of your county and our state.

Sincerely,

John Stemberger
Chairman, Florida4Marriage.org

cc- Secretary of State Kurt Browning
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