



The Florida Senate
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The Capitol
President Haridopolos
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Dear President Haridopolos,

On May 1, 2012, Governor Scott signed into law Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 959. House Bill 959 addresses contractual relationships between Florida government entities and companies that have business operations in Cuba and Syria. Governor Scott released a signing letter with House Bill 959 explaining, among other things, that this "legislation is designed to protect Florida taxpayers from supporting dictatorships that commit despicable acts and deny political freedom to their citizens."

However, in the signing letter, Governor Scott also stated that the restrictions present in House Bill 959 will not go into effect "unless and until Congress passes, and President Obama signs, a law permitting states to independently impose such sanctions against Cuba and Syria," thereby effectively nullifying the legislation.

By this letter, I am requesting that your office examine the constitutionality of Governor Scott's actions as to the execution of this bill or lack thereof.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "René García", written over a horizontal line.

Rene Garcia
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