



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR



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The Honorable Don Burgess  
Chairman, Sumter County Board of County Commissioners  
7375 Powell Road  
Wildwood, Florida 34785

Dear Chairman Burgess:

Thank you for your letter regarding the use of E-Verify and illegal immigration in Florida. As the land of opportunity we should welcome those who respect the rule of law and enter our country legally.

I firmly believe that all people should feel free to come to Florida to work without fear of profiling or persecution. I support the use of the E-Verify system to confirm a person's eligibility to work in Florida and verify a person's immigration status, not only to protect Florida's interests, but to also protect workers from exploitation and unsafe working conditions.

We welcome those who have chosen to migrate to Florida. We expect all immigrants to observe and obey our laws, including those related to Federal immigration. I appreciate your diligence in ensuring that my executive order is implemented in your hiring practices and county contracts.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share with me your commitment to use E-Verify. I appreciate your thoughtful correspondence.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott  
Governor

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