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To: Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners
Commission Auditor

From: Tom Quinn, Managing Partner

RE: Miami-Dade County **January** 2025 Monthly Report for Governmental
Representation and Consulting Services as per Contract EVN0000597-C

This memo provides an overview of the activities of Miami-Dade County's federal team, which consists of LSN Partners and consultants from Ballard Partners, Continental Strategies, and Emprise Consulting.

This report will be updated with the team's activities and provided to Miami-Dade County each month.

January 2025 Activity

1. General Government Updates:

- **Actions Taken:** During the month of January, LSN Partners and our federal team in DC maintained regular contact with Alina Gonzales, Jessica Jennings, and Manny Orozco to ensure that the County is on top of important federal issues.
 - The LSN-led team has been working consistently with Jessica and Manny in the DC office to ensure they were up to date on events surrounding the swearing-in of the new congress and the inauguration of President Trump.

2. FY2025/2026 Federal Appropriations Tracking:

- **Actions Taken:** Appropriations decisions have been delayed until March. There has been minimal appropriations action during the month of January, but the team has been staying in contact with the County's congressional delegation. We anticipate news on County priorities in either late February or early March.
- The team has begun working with the County to develop the FY2026 requests. We anticipate submitting priorities in late February to late March.

3. Northeast Corridor Advocacy:

- **Actions Taken:** The team closely monitors FTA's status and funding under the new Trump administration. A new FTA director has been named but has not yet been confirmed by the Senate. The team plans to engage the new FTA personnel when they are in office.

- **Next Steps:** The project is in good standing with the House Appropriations Committee and FTA. Final decisions on FY2025 funding are expected by mid-March.

4. Trump Administration Update:

- The first week of the Trump administration has been eventful and filled with news that could impact the County's operations, including a federal funding freeze that faces an uncertain future. The team has kept the County up to date in real-time and will continue to do so.

Additional Notes from Partners:

- Updates on Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- Legislative updates from House and Senate Democratic Leadership.
- Outreach initiatives to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) as requested by MIA.
- Intelligence on nominations schedule, DOT transitions, and Democratic steering committee.
- White House intel on the ILA-USMX (port strike situation).
- Updates on Senate Committee rosters.
- Empire hosted Rep. Wilson's birthday fundraiser at the principal D.C. residence.
- Continental had engagements with Miami-Dade commissioners during a D.C. event, facilitating connections with Congressmen Gimenez, Bean, and Meuser over legislative priorities and committee changes.

LSN Partners Federal Team is committed to ensuring that Miami-Dade County's interests are effectively represented at the federal level. Our efforts this month reflect our dedication to fostering strong relationships and strategic advocacy for the County's benefit.