

March 2, 2020

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Executive Office of the Governor
The Capitol, Plaza Level 05
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The issuance of Executive Order 20-51 regarding COVID-19, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency in the State of Florida, exemplifies the need for shared information for the health and safety of all Floridians, and the millions of visitors to our state.

As a Constitutional officer charged with food safety and consumer protection, I am requesting that my fellow Cabinet member and I be included in any and all future briefings provided by the Surgeon General and others, regarding this significant public safety issue. It is imperative that all the resources of the State of Florida are utilized to protect our citizens.

Regards,

Nicole Fried
Commissioner of Agriculture

cc: The Honorable Ashley Moody, Attorney General
The Honorable Jimmy Patronis, Chief Financial Officer