

October 25, 2018

Dear Mayor Andrew Gillum,

We, the undersigned members of Florida's law enforcement community, ask that you immediately and unequivocally withdraw your pledge to the organization, Dream Defenders. After learning of this organization's disturbing and anti-law enforcement position and statements, we believe that any candidate wishing to lead our state should in no way be aligned with this radical group.

The pledge you signed not only calls for you to [defund police and prisons](#), but the papers that accompany this pledge wrongly claim, "[Police were never meant to protect and serve me and you...Police and prisons have no place in 'justice'...Police and prisons aren't just racist but they work to enforce the separations of rich and poor.](#)"

We believe you will agree that anyone seeking to be Florida's next Governor should support the men and women who put on a badge daily and risk their lives to protect their communities.

We ask that you respond to this request with urgency and agree with us that the men and women of law enforcement in our state deserve respect and support.

Thank You,

Sheriff Scotty Rhoden (Baker County)  
Sheriff Tommy Ford (Bay County)  
Sheriff Gordon Smith (Bradford County)  
Sheriff Wayne Ivey (Brevard County)  
Sheriff Bill Prummell (Charlotte County)  
Sheriff Mike Prendergast (Citrus County)  
Sheriff Darryl Daniels (Clay County)  
Sheriff Kevin Rambosk (Collier County)  
Sheriff Mike Williams (Duval County)  
Sheriff David Morgan (Escambia County)  
Sheriff AJ Smith (Franklin County)  
Sheriff Bobby Schultz (Gilchrist County)  
Sheriff Arnold Lanier (Hardee County)  
Sheriff Steve Whidden (Hendry County)  
Sheriff Al Nienhuis (Hernando County)  
Sheriff John Tate (Holmes County)  
Sheriff Deryl Loar (Indian River County)  
Sheriff Lou Roberts (Jackson County)  
Fmr Sheriff Mike Scott (Lee County)

Sheriff Carmine Marceno (Lee County)  
Sheriff Eddie Joe White (Liberty County)  
Sheriff Ben Stewart (Madison County)  
Sheriff Rick Wells (Manatee County)  
Sheriff Billy Woods (Marion County)  
Sheriff Rick Ramsay (Monroe County)  
Sheriff Bill Leeper (Nassau County)  
Sheriff Larry Ashley (Okaloosa County)  
Sheriff Chris Nocco (Pasco County)  
Sheriff Bob Gualtieri (Pinellas County)  
Sheriff Grady Judd (Polk County)  
Sheriff Gator Deloach (Putnam County)  
Sheriff Bob Johnson (Santa Rosa County)  
Sheriff Dennis Lemma (Seminole County)  
Sheriff David Shoar (St. Johns County)  
Sheriff William Farmer (Sumter County)  
Sheriff Sam St. John (Suwannee County)  
Sheriff Brad Whitehead (Union County)  
Sheriff Mike Adkinson (Walton County)