

July 14, 2025

To the Board of County Commissioners:

I appreciate your feedback and have taken your concerns seriously. During the recent budget work session, I noted that we had submitted a budget that was as lean as possible and expressed our ongoing commitment to identifying additional opportunities for greater operational efficiency. Following a careful re-evaluation of the budget, I am prepared to implement \$900,000 in targeted reductions over the coming fiscal year, without compromising public safety. As a result, my revised certified budget totals \$195,115,000.

I recognize the importance of balancing the tax burden on our community with our shared responsibility to provide essential public safety services. These adjustments reflect my continued commitment to fiscal stewardship and to ensuring the safety and well-being of the residents we serve. I look forward to continued collaboration with the Board throughout the remainder of the budget process and welcome ongoing dialogue to support informed decisions in the best interest of our community.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma