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Ms. Tracy Smith  
11151 Avenue G  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Dear Ms. Smith:

On behalf of all the members of the Florida Department of Health (DOH), I want to let you know that Ali is in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to the day when she is safely reunited with you and the rest of her loved ones. I am humbled by the strength and determination that you and your family exemplify in this time of crisis.

I appreciate the time you took from your busy schedule to visit the Department of Health. I know your time in Tallahassee is limited, and I thank you for spending your valuable time with us. It was a pleasure meeting you.

Ali is a valuable member of our DOH team, and that her co-workers and supervisors miss her. Ali's professionalism and dedication to serve the people of Florida has helped her rise through the ranks to a position of high responsibility at DOH, and we look forward to the day when she can return to us to continue our mission of protecting the people of Florida.

I have enclosed a copy of the photo we took when you visited. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Rony François M.D., Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive style.

M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D.  
Secretary, Department of Health

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cc: Bishop Masters  
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