



Dear colleagues and guests:

As we prepare to embark on another year at the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, I am reminded of the many issues that affect our cities, towns, and villages. I am also reminded of the corresponding challenges faced by our elected officials in establishing policies that touch upon a vast number of undertakings. Indeed, Miami-Dade County is a diverse metropolis with a myriad of needs.

However, rather than addressing what oftentimes tends to be an overwhelming agenda, not by design but by necessity, we will be focusing our efforts this year on transportation and education. As a region, we all agree that one of the most crucial issues affecting Miami-Dade County is transportation. We can also agree that education continues to be a cornerstone for our children's well-being and the future of the communities we serve.

For these reasons, the MDCLC's endeavors this year seek to garner support around two basic – but far from simple – issues, namely transportation and education. As MDCLC's President, a position which I am both humbled and honored to hold this year, it is my hope that we will unite our collective voices and concentrate our strengths to have the greatest impact possible in these areas.

Sincerely,

Francis X. Suarez

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