STATE OF FLORIDA

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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The Honorable Anna Eskamani
Florida House of Representatives
1507 E. Concord Street
Orlando, Florida 32803

Re: Request for Criminal Investigation into "Sloth World"

Dear Ms. Eskamani:

Generally, the Office of Statewide Prosecution's (OSP) authority in matters of animal welfare is activated by evidence of a pattern of racketeering activity.[1] Unless such evidence emerges from the investigation, prosecution authority—including for offenses under Section 828.12, Florida Statutes—remains with the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit (SAO9), Monique Worrell.

Senior Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Lauryn Day is cross-sworn and assisting SAO9 on behalf of OSP. Lauryn is an animal welfare law expert and brings invaluable insight to the investigation.

Our office is unwavering in its commitment to pursuing justice on behalf of those who are unable to protect themselves. We will ensure accountability wherever the evidence requires.

Sincerely,

James Uthmeier
Attorney General

Cc: Brad McVay, Statewide Prosecutor
Monique Worrell, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit

[1] § 16.56, 895.02, Fla. Stat.