



# Florida House of Representatives

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Barbara Peterson, President  
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**Re: House Bill 391**

Dear Ms. Peterson:

I understand your Foundation's concerns of more public records exemptions, however, I do believe that House Bill 391 does in fact provide for a legitimate public necessity in order to protect our EMS and first responders who risk their lives to save others. I understand that your Foundation would like to be provided with more information pertaining to this exemption request. Attached is a letter from Chief Walter Kopka of the Collier County Emergency Medical Services, along with some examples of assault reported from newspapers from around the country.

I am available to speak with you further about this issue and work with your Foundation anytime so that we can work together to ensure that this public records exemption is done in a thoughtful manner and that our first responder's lives can be further protected.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Passidomo".

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cc: Speaker Steve Crisafulli  
Sen. Garrett Richter

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