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Dear Commissioner Fernandez.

As you know, this last weekend was a violent one in the ADCD. Two shootings, multiple stampedes, fights, 70 plus firearms confiscated and a family whose car was trapped in the middle.

As President of the Miami Beach Fraternal Order of Police, I can no longer accept what is going on in our City. Our Police Officers heroically ran towards the gunfire, secured the scene and started CPR without hesitation. They also quickly apprehended both subjects and secured multiple firearms. This "warzone" atmosphere resulted in an emergency declaration, to include a midnight curfew by the City Manager. The curfew proved effective and created a safer environment for all.

The Union would like to request a 12am curfew for Spring Break and Memorial Day in 2024. This should be well announced to give business owners and service workers ample time to adjust. We also request the City assist service workers with any financial hardship that this may cause them. It's just a matter of time before one of them get caught up in the crossfire. They are being forced to be in an extremely violent environment to support their families.

In closing, I would like to thank you for attempting to get the curfew for this upcoming weekend. I also understand why there was some opposition to this last minute decision and it did not pass. I will be sharing several proven operational plans, besides the curfew, that have worked for Memorial Day in the past and will work for Spring Break at the next Commission meeting.

Respectfully,

President Bobby Hernandez