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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 00-156

Dear Ms. Pratt:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on October 5, 2000 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding your ability to contract with the county to provide Section 8 housing.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that your parents work for the Miami-Dade Transit Agency and you would like to contract with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency to provide Section 8 housing. Section 8 is a federally-funded program which subsidizes landlords who rent to low-income tenants.

The Commission found that you may contract with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency to provide Section 8 housing. Section 2-11.1 (c) provides that " Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, subsection (c) and (d) shall not be construed to prevent any employee...from entering into any contract, individually or through a firm, corporation, partnership or business entity in which the employee or any member of his or her immediate family has a controlling financial