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Hi Gisela,

Sorry I haven't gotten back to you sooner. There is nothing in the Miami-Dade County Code of Ethics Ordinance that prohibits County employees from lobbying before the Florida Legislature. You may want to check with the County Attorney just to make sure there aren't Charter provisions or state laws that might prevent this type of activity.

How is your running? Next time you are downtown, let's try to meet for lunch.

Robert

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**From:** Salas, Gisela R. (ME) (305) 545-2400  
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Hi Robert!

I have some questions that I am not certain whether they need to be posed to the Ethics Commission or if they can be answered by one of the Ethics Commission attorneys. Essentially the questions pertain to County employee lobbying and speaking before the State legislature regarding FRS benefits.

The questions are:

- Can a County employee, as part of a larger group or association, i.e. The Florida Association of Medical Examiners (FAME), speak before the State legislature on behalf of participating FRS members in FAME to pursue becoming part of the high risk system? Specifically, this question is posed since it would have a direct financial impact on Miami-Dade County in terms of increased payments into the state retirement system on behalf of such employees.
- Would there be any ethics violations or any conflict of interest on the part of such employees?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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