



The Florida House of Representatives

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The Honorable Ben Albritton
The Honorable Wyman Duggan
The Honorable Jim Boyd
The Honorable Sam Garrison

Senate President Albritton, Acting Speaker Duggan, Senate President-Designate Boyd, and Speaker-Designate Garrison,

We are writing to demand immediate action of accountability following release of the grand jury's findings involving Hope Florida. Ten million taxpayer dollars were funneled away from providing healthcare to children in need and ended up in organizations designed to support the Governor and the Republican Party's political campaign initiatives.

According to the report, the money was diverted by the Governor's administration from a Medicaid settlement with the State to Casey DeSantis's charity organization. The settlement was authorized by Ashley Moody's office during her time as Attorney

General. The money then found its way into political organizations controlled by the Governor's associates.

While the jury found insufficient evidence to bring criminal charges, their findings confirmed that the money was misappropriated.

We respect the report of the grand jury on this matter and thank the jurors for their service to our state. However, their proceedings do not, and cannot, prevent the state legislature from exercising our independent constitutional impeachment authority over officials who commit a misdemeanor while in office.

Further, the legislature has additional investigative tools at our discretion and a different burden of proof to consider. Therefore, it is not only appropriate, but necessary that we proceed to protect the public and insist on accountability for this violation of the public trust.

Article III of Florida's constitution establishes that the House holds sole power of impeachment. The Speaker has the power to appoint a committee to investigate impeachment charges at any time.

With the powers vested in us by the Florida Constitution, we ask for the following:

- The Speaker immediately appoint a committee to investigate the allegations raised in the Hope Florida scandal.
- The Speaker and Senate President at the earliest opportunity convene a special session of the Legislature to consider the impeachment of Attorney General James Uthmeier and the other individuals implicated in the grand jury report who are now liable to impeachment under Article III, Section 17 of the state constitution.
- Articles of impeachment be promptly filed against these individuals and quickly considered.

The Florida House has the chance to hold people accountable. \$10 million of taxpayer money was effectively stolen. It is absurd to claim that the only crime committed was making the public aware that it happened. These funds were intended to provide healthcare for children in need. While we may never get restitution, we can make sure that everyone involved in this scheme is brought to justice and that they can no longer abuse the public trust.

As the majority, you hold the cards. You have the responsibility and power to prove that no one is above the law, not even state officials. This is your opportunity to show that corruption will not be tolerated.

Respectfully,

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Leader Fentrice D. Driskell

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christine Hunschofsky".

Leader Pro Tempore Christine Hunschofsky

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mike Gottlieb".

Representative Mike Gottlieb

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Skidmore".

Representative Kelly Skidmore

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rita Harris".

Representative Rita Harris

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Felicia Robinson".

Representative Felicia Robinson

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Representative Emily Gregory

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mitch Rosenwald".

Representative Mitch Rosenwald

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yvonne Hinson".

Representative Yvonne Hinson

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "RaShon Young".

Representative RaShon Young

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leonard Spencer".

Representative Leonard Spencer

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daryl Campbell".

Representative Daryl Campbell

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Representative Dotie Joseph

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Representative Dr. Anna V. Eskamani

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive script that reads "Marie Woodson".

Representative Marie Woodson