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House Democrats: All Talk, No Action

~Fetterman's Attacks Baseless, Misguided and Just Plain False~

TALLAHASSEE, FL – House Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach) issued the following statement in response to comments made by Representative Adam Fetterman (D-Port St. Lucie) which underscore the House Democrats' continued failure to offer meaningful solutions to Florida's budgetary challenges:

"Instead of sending partisan press releases blaming Republicans, Representative Fetterman should spend his efforts questioning his own Democratic colleagues on the House Finance & Tax Council who refused to even suggest that any of the sales exemptions that he named be repealed.

"Despite his claims to the contrary, House Democrats were not refused an opportunity to consider sales tax exemptions for repeal. The reason none were considered was no Democratic member of Representative Fetterman's caucus put forward any for repeal. It's tough to consider something for repeal when nothing is offered by Democrats. House Republicans will offer sales tax exemptions for repeal in the coming weeks.

"Representative Fetterman's criticism is misleading, baseless and just plain false. The people of Florida deserve better.

"Representative Fetterman should remind his colleagues that actions speak louder than words. On the issue of repealing sales tax exemptions, House Democrats are all talk, no action. Their rhetoric doesn't match reality. They have offered no ideas, no alternatives, and no solutions. They are content to stand on the sidelines and point fingers, just as Minority Leader-designate Saunders has instructed them.

"Representative Fetterman knows that these decisions are made at the local level by local school board officials, not in Tallahassee. And the fact that it is an "A" rated school is only because Republicans created an accountability system to measure student performance and rejected the Democrat's legacy of social promotion.

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“The facts are Republicans have provided historic levels of support to education here in Florida. Republicans have increased funding for K-12 students by over 43% (over \$2050) per-student over the past nine years. Florida ranks No. 10 among states in education quality, according to the latest annual report card from *Education Week*. In three years, Florida has climbed in the rankings- from No. 31 to No. 14 to No. 10 - all while critics like Representative Fetterman bemoan Florida’s education system.

“House Republicans stand by their commitment to devoting resources to Florida’s classrooms for teachers and students. Our priority is to put resources in the classroom, not into bloated bureaucracy and administrative overhead.”

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