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**Representative Jennifer Rita Harris Denounces Antisemitism
in Florida House District 44**

ORLANDO, Fla. - Yesterday, antisemitic graffiti was discovered in a bathroom at Dr. Phillips High School in House District 44. This continues a disturbing trend of rising hatred against the Jewish community throughout the state of Florida. Last year, the Anti-Defamation League tracked over 50 incidents of antisemitism in Florida and reported a 50% increase in antisemitic incidents from 2020 to 2021.

Representative Jennifer Rita Harris (D- Orlando) makes the following statement denouncing this act of hatred in District 44.

“I was horrified to learn of this act of anti-Semitism that happened in District 44 at Dr. Phillips High School. It is disheartening to see a display of hatred in one of our schools that was visible to students. I am of Jewish descent, but regardless of ancestry, we must all push back against hate,” said **Representative Harris** “It's essential that all community and elected leaders speak out against such acts and make it clear that hatred has no home in Florida. Our students deserve better. Floridians deserve better. We all deserve better.”

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