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**Rep. Harris on the Suspension of State Attorney Monique
Worrell**

ORLANDO, Fla. – Earlier this morning, Governor Ron DeSantis made the decision to suspend Orange and Osceola’s duly-elected State Attorney Monique Worrell. **State Representative Rita Harris (D-Orlando)** issued the following statement:

"In an entirely political move, Gov. DeSantis removed Monique Worrell from her duly elected position as State Attorney in Florida’s 9th Judicial Circuit. This is a gross abuse of power coming from the Governor, and he must be held accountable.

“In removing a duly elected official, who is also the only Black woman State Attorney in Florida, Gov. DeSantis has made his priorities clear. He does not care about the will of Floridians, but is actively using us as pawns to energize a national base in his run for higher office.

“Gov. DeSantis’ actions are outrageous and against the very fabric of our democracy. Although the citizens of Orange and Osceola County overwhelmingly elected Monique Worrell as their State Attorney, the Governor has taken that office hostage.”

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