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Representative Campbell's Statement on Governor DeSantis' Suspension of State Attorney Monique Worrell

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Today **Governor DeSantis** announced the suspension of **State Attorney Monique Worrell**. DeSantis alleges the misuse of prosecutorial discretion as the basis for the suspension. **State Attorney Worrell** is the only Black woman State Attorney in the State of Florida. Effective immediately she has been replaced by Judge **Andrew Bain**, a DeSantis judicial appointee and member of the Federalist Society.

Representative Daryl Campbell (D-Fort Lauderdale) said, “What we have seen here is yet another attack on not just the Black Community, but Black women who continue to endure life in Florida at the treacherous hands of both detrimental legislation and political motives.

“It's imperative that the governor recognize the ramifications of removing yet another elected official from their office effectively silencing the voices of the people who elected State Attorney Monique Worrell.

“It's disappointing, to say the least, but the overreach is just another example of a governor who blurs the lines between democracy and autocracy whenever he exercises his executive power. If the governor wishes to invest his efforts into prioritizing public safety and ‘doing what's right’ for Floridians, I ask him to invest those efforts where it matters: Addressing the housing crisis, focusing on a crumbling property insurance market, and implementing inclusive, diverse, and equitable instruction in our great state.”

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