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TALLAHASSEE, FL. – In light of the <u>shooting incident today</u> where a City of Tallahassee Police Officer was wounded in the line of duty, State **Representative Gallop Franklin II (D- Tallahassee)** issued the following statement:

"Each day, our courageous police officers willingly put their lives on the line to safeguard our community. Today, Tallahassee received a painful reminder of their unwavering dedication. I am profoundly saddened by the shooting incident involving one of our dedicated Tallahassee Police Department Officers. He was diligently fulfilling his duty, protecting our neighborhoods. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his family, and I wish for his swift recovery.

These recent surges in acts of violence within our community serve as a stark reminder that our work remains incomplete in addressing issues related to gun violence, gang-related activities, and the continued presence of handguns as instruments of destruction in our neighborhoods.

This incident underscores the significant risks that our law enforcement officers undertake to maintain our community's safety. It is imperative that we take all necessary measures to provide unwavering support to our officers and emergency response personnel, who tirelessly work to uphold our city's status as a safe and welcoming place to live."