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**State Representative Yvonne Hinson Releases Statement
Supporting Gainesville City Commission Lawsuit**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Representative Yvonne Hinson (D-Gainesville) issued the following statement in response to Gainesville City Commission’s lawsuit against **Governor Ron DeSantis’ [HB 1](#)** law.

“Our local elected leaders know best how to spend local budgets. The Gainesville City Commission has approved a motion to file a lawsuit opposing Governor DeSantis’ HB 1 law. The Governor and his cabinet do not know what’s best for the city of Gainesville. The anti-free speech, anti-protest law is an attack on our constitutional rights, an attack on Black Lives Matter and an incredible overreach into the authority of our local governments.

“HB 1 creates an intrusion into local budget decisions while it ignores the natural ebb and flow of resources. HB 1 would not allow Gainesville to redistribute police resources to other departments. If enacted, funding many successful Gainesville youth programs will become extremely harder. These decisions have always been made locally, and needs to remain that way to ensure community needs are met. This anti-democracy law effectively removes our community’s voice, and instead hands that power to the State.

“I applaud the Gainesville City Commission for standing up and letting the Gainesville community voice be heard.”

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