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**Representative Fentrice Driskell's Statement on Florida's
Withdrawal from Federal Pandemic Unemployment
Compensation Program**

Tallahassee, FL - Representative Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa) made the following statement in response to Florida's withdrawal from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program.

"Many of my constituents and Floridians across the state still struggle everyday to access their unemployment benefits after a year of dealing with this issue. Some are missing months of their unemployment benefits, while others have pending statuses without update or explanation. The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Program was the lifeline for many in this State to fill the economic gap after receiving only \$125 a week from the State of Florida. Our State's unemployment system was not and is still not equipped to help our constituents appropriately. This decision by the Governor will only make it more difficult and delayed for Floridians to recover from the impact of this pandemic - subsequently doing further harm to our state's economy."

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State Representative Fentrice Driskell represents Florida House District 63, which is located in Hillsborough County and includes the Tampa-area communities of Carrollwood, Lake Magdalene, Lutz, University, New Tampa, and Pebble Creek.