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## **Representative Thompson Warns of Instagram Scam Account Using Her Name**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Geraldine F. Thompson (D-Windermere)** is urging everyone not to respond to messages from an Instagram account masquerading as her and offering help securing government money. The account is not associated with her or her legislative office but shows her photograph and name.

As part of the fraud, the fake account requests \$10,000 be sent in order to receive the funds.

**Representative Thompson** said, “I have reported this fraud to the State Attorney General and Orange County Sheriff. I urge everyone who receives any message like this, from any account, to be very suspicious and not fall victim to these dishonest crimes. It takes a particularly heinous criminal to take advantage of people struggling during a pandemic and I am outraged they would use my likeness in their deception.”

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