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## State Representative Daisy Morales Writes a Letter to Puerto Rican Governor Pierluisi in Solidarity with Puerto Rico

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Recently, state **Representative Daisy Morales (D-Orlando)** sent a letter to Puerto Rico governor **Hon. Pedro Pierluisi**, offering him assistance, sharing her solidarity for Puerto Rico, and inviting him to District 48.

"Though you and your administration have many challenges before you in rebuilding the island of Puerto Rico, I want you to know I am your ally in the fight to restore our homeland and look forward to working with you to make it happen," **Representative Morales** wrote. "Like you, I love our great island and am ready to roll up my sleeves to help improve the lives of our brothers and sisters. As State Representative, my priorities not only include balancing the state budget, but also bringing resources back to my district and our Puerto Rican residents."

**Rep. Morales** also thanked Governor Pierluisi on his support for Puerto Rico statehood, for which he recently joined **U.S. Representatives Darren Soto (D-FL)** and **Jenniffer González (R-PR)** and **Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM)** for their recent press announcement of the Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act bill, along with **U.S. Reps. Val Demings (D-FL)** and **Stephanie Murphy (D-FL)**. "Puerto Rico has been marginalized, stricken by Hurricanes Irma and Maria as well as other disasters, and is yet to recover," Morales wrote. "The island deserves equity and respect for its beauty, its people and its resources; and our people deserve to have voting rights in elections and in Congress."

"As the voice for House District 48, I feel it's important to establish and foster a direct connection with Puerto Rico. Many of my constituents, and I myself, call Puerto Rico home and still have loved ones there," said **Representative Morales**. "Governor Pierluisi and I will get results for our constituents that much faster when we work together."