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***** MEDIA ADVISORY for TODAY at 12 PM *****

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WHAT: On Thursday, March 11 at 12pm, **Representative Carlos Guillermo Smith (D- Orlando)** and **Senator Shevrin Jones (D-Miami Gardens)** will host a virtual press conference for **HB 1435 / SB 1860**. The bills address Florida's current utility debt and disconnection crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing \$100 million in direct relief for struggling energy and water utility customers. This virtual press conference will include English and Spanish speakers.

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WHO: Representative Carlos Guillermo Smith; Senator Shevrin Jones; Padre José Rodríguez of the Iglesia Episcopal Jesús de Nazaret Church; Maria Revelles, Florida Conservation Voters' Chispa Florida Program Director; Elizabeth Mathis, Disaster Resiliency Coordinator for Florida Rising; and members of the Connected in Crisis Coalition.

[Connected in Crisis](#) is a coalition of organizations that firmly believe no family should have to choose between essential life-sustaining services during a national time of crisis, and includes: *Catalyst Miami, Central Florida Jobs with Justice, the CLEO Institute, EarthJustice, Florida Conservation Voters, FCV Chispa Florida, Food & Water Watch, For Our Future FL, Florida Rising, LULAC, Moms Clean Airforce, Poder Latinx, ReThink Energy Florida, Sierra Club Florida, Solar United Neighbors of Florida, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and Vote Solar.*

WHEN: Thursday, March 11th at 12:00pm

WHERE: Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6905288965>

RSVP: Credentialed members of the media who would like to attend should RSVP to krista.ziehler@myfloridahouse.gov

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