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Florida State Representative Dianne Hart and State Senators Bracy, Brandes, and Perry Discuss Bipartisan Approach to Criminal Justice Reform

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – On Wednesday, March 10, **Representative Dianne Hart (D- Tampa)**, **Senator Keith Perry (R-Gainesville)**, **Senator Randolph Bracy (D- Ocoee)**, and **Senator Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg)** will be holding a press conference to discuss their bipartisan approach to tackling Criminal Justice Reform here in the state of Florida.

WHO: Representative Dianne Hart, Senator Randolph Bracy,

Senator Jeff Brandes, Senator Keith Perry

WHAT: Criminal Justice Reform: A Bipartisan Approach

WHEN: Wednesday, March 10th, 2021

1:30 PM

WHERE: Portico of House Office Building

Representative Dianne Hart issued the following statement:

"I am hopeful that we as a bipartisan group of legislators can push Florida forward to meaningful and effective criminal justice reform. Our constituents are asking that we deliver on this issue, and I happy to work with these great senators to get it done."

Senator Keith Perry issued the following statement:

"By tapping into the power of incentives, we can encourage incarcerated people to assume responsibility for their rehabilitation and their time inside prison to build character, learn the values and skills necessary for success, and earn a second chance."

Senator Randolph Bracy issued the following statement:

"The way in which Florida handles incarceration traps too many of our citizens and weakens too many communities. It's a problem not just in our state but all across the United States, which has less than 5% of the world's population but over 25% of the world's prisoners. This is why I'm grateful to be collaborating with leaders in the Legislature to address the many challenges we face in the criminal justice system. While things won't change overnight, we will continue to work on locking in some basic principles that are going to make us a fairer and safer society."

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