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Tallahassee, FL – Representative Travaris McCurdy (D-Orlando) & Representative Angie Nixon (D-Jacksonville) filed <u>HB 187</u> Law Enforcement Equipment. This legislation would prohibit local law enforcement agencies from acquiring certain surplus military equipment and prohibit use of certain munitions & tear gas.

"Research has shown that the militarization of local law enforcement through military grade weapons, armored vehicles, combat attire, and other items provided by the Department of Defense does not reduce crime," **Representative Travaris McCurdy** said. "There is no need for law enforcement agencies to be outfitted like combat soldiers while they are tasked with protecting and serving our community. The most important thing for policy makers and the public to know is that you can't justify giving surplus military equipment to police departments on the grounds it will lead to a reduction in crime. There is no evidence for that."

"Having been a community organizer for over 10 years, I have organized and led protests fighting for underserved and underrepresented communities," **Representative Angie Nixon** said. "I am excited to join Representative McCurdy in filing this legislation which will aid in the safety of countless residents and organizations that peacefully protest while exerting their first amendment rights."