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***** Press Conference - Wednesday, February 9th @ 9:30 AM ET *****

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Call for protecting renters from predatory practices and state investments in housing

TALLAHASSEE -- Rents are rising by more than 20% in communities across a state which has [stolen more than \\$2.3 billion](#) from our affordable housing trust fund since 2001. Yet instead of passing proactive proposals that protect renters and replenishing affordable housing funds, the legislature is moving forward billions more in corporate tax giveaways, and legislation that would allow predatory landlords to charge unlimited additional fees on cash-strapped tenants, instead of refundable security deposits.

Lawmakers, tenants, and advocates will center proactive legislative proposals to address Florida's housing crisis, predatory legislation further threatening tenants, as well as call on the Governor to take immediate statewide action to address Florida's housing crisis.

WHAT: Press Conference with on Florida's Housing Emergency

WHEN: Wednesday, February 9 at 9:30am - 10:00am ET

WHO:

- **Senator Victor Torres (D- Kissimmee)**
- **Representative Carlos Guillermo Smith (D- Orlando)**
- **Representative Dotie Joseph (D- Miami)**
- **Andrea Mercado**, Florida Rising Executive Director
- **Mone Holder**, Florida Rising
- **Florida tenants**

- Others

WHERE: Capitol Building, 4th Floor Rotunda (400 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399)

Also, livestreaming on [Rep. Smith's FaceBook page](#).

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