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*****MEDIA ADVISORY for Friday, April 22, 2022 at 2PM*****

Tampa Bay Black Florida Legislators Respond to the Passage of the Governor's Unconstitutional Congressional Maps

TAMPA, Fla. – Today, on the House Floor, Florida House Democrats protested against Governor Ron DeSantis' unprecedented manipulation of the Florida Legislature to abdicate their constitutional duty to draft a constitutional congressional map by holding a sit-in. The Governor's map rigs the districts to favor the GOP and slashes Black representation in the U.S. Congress. In response to the Florida House Democrats sit-in, Florida House leadership called an informal recess, cut off live streaming on the Florida Channel, and disconnected House WiFi. Almost an hour later, the House reconvened, waived the rules to move forward without debate, and voted on all three bills within three minutes.

WHO: Representative Fentrice Driskell (D-63), Florida House Democratic Caucus Policy Chair
Representative Dianne Hart (D-61), Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation Chair
Representative Michele Rayner (D-70), Congressional candidate
Senator Darryl Rouson (D-19), Florida Legislative Black Caucus Vice Chair

WHAT: Response to the passage of the Governor's unconstitutional congressional maps

WHEN: Friday, April 22, 2022 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Virtual, click [here](#) to join.

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