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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Earlier today, the scope of Special Session D was expanded to include condominium reform legislation. Florida House Democrats offered the following statements.

"Today the Florida Legislature finally came together to address serious condominium issues in the wake of the Surfside tragedy. This common-sense reform will protect homeowners and make our communities safer," said **Representative Joseph Geller (D-Aventura)**. "I look forward to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan manner to ensure this legislation addresses the real issues that contributed to the tragedy in my district so that no one will have to face these horrors again, and to honor the 98 lives taken from us. While more needs to be done to address these very difficult issues, this is a very good start."

**Representative Dotie Joseph (D-North Miami)** added, "There is much reform needed to ensure safe and affordable housing, and I'm grateful that the call of Special Session has been expanded to include reforms affecting condominiums."

"Condominium safety reform should've been a priority for us during session. I support the measure to expand the scope of special session if it means we are doing the work our constituents are asking us to do and providing condo owners in Florida a peace of mind," said **Representative Christopher Benjamin (D-Miami Gardens)**. "That includes making sure condo associations are readily prepared to address rising issues in the future."

"I believe this is an important and necessary issue. Condo safety reform needs to happen. I'm glad this was brought up during special session even though it didn't make it during session. I'm eager to see what we come up with, especially with the impact of the housing crisis in South Florida. For the people that are living in condos, we need to ensure the regulations are adequate for these Floridians to continue living there. We need to ensure condo owners' concerns are addressed because this is another issue that can worsen the housing crisis," said **Representative Felicia Robinson (D-Miami Gardens)**.