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Leader Driskell on DeSantis Campaign Announcement

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, in response to **Governor Ron DeSantis'** flawed campaign announcement via Twitter, **Leader Fentrice Driskell (D- Tampa)** issued the following statement:

"How can Ron DeSantis expect to be our nation's president after he's failed Florida? He's leaving behind a state where he stoked division, ignored families' problems, and focused his energies on his own ambition.

This man does not embody the characteristics we need in a president. He's a temperamental bully, who punches down on those who dare to disagree with him.

Not surprisingly, America doesn't seem to be buying what he's selling. His polling numbers have declined in recent weeks as people have gotten to know who he really is. They've seen him sign an extremist abortion ban, pushed a soft-on-crime permitless carry law, and picked a bizarre fight with Disney that hardly anyone cares about.

Despite his announcement's technical problems, today was historic: Ron DeSantis' relentless ambition has pushed him to declare his intention to be the second-place finisher in the GOP primary for President of the United States of America."