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Leader Fentrice Driskell Adds to Legislative Leadership Team

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Florida House Democratic **Leader Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa)** today announced the appointment of the following Democratic Representatives to serve as Deputy Whips for the House Democratic Caucus for the 2022-24 legislative term:

- **Representative Kristen Arrington (D-Kissimmee);**
- **Representative Christopher Benjamin (D-Miami Gardens);**
- **Representative Michele K. Rayner-Goolsby (D-St. Petersburg).;**
- **Representative Allison Tant (D-Tallahassee); and**
- **Representative Marie P. Woodson (D-Hollywood).**

The Deputy Whips will assist the Caucus Whip, **Representative Christine Hunschofsky (D-Parkland)**, in rapidly transmitting information between Democratic Caucus leadership and the members.

“I look forward to closely working with the Deputy Whips to ensure Floridians’ concerns are heard,” said **Representative Hunschofsky**, who was appointed last month by **Leader Driskell** to serve on the 2022-24 Leadership Team.

“I echo **Representative Hunschofsky’s** words,” said **Leader Driskell**. “It’s important we continue to fight for every Floridian’s right to be healthy, prosperous, and safe, especially when it comes to issues at the front of mind like skyrocketing property insurance costs, rent affordability, and defending personal freedoms.”

On appointing each Representative to the Deputy Whip team, **Leader Driskell** issued the following statements:

“**Representative Arrington** brings a common sense, level-headed perspective to everything she does. She is a team player, her laughter is infectious, and I am excited to bring her aboard to help lead our Caucus with a balanced approach as we rebuild.

“Known for his keen legal acumen and straightforward approach to lawmaking, **Representative Benjamin** brings precisely the sort of gravitas we are looking for in our

Whip team. I am excited to bring him into the fold and to see what he does in his sophomore term.

“To know **Representative Rayner-Goolsby** is to know her brilliance and the joy that she carries with her everywhere she goes. She is a fierce advocate for all peoples, and I believe she will lead her assigned team with the high standard of excellence she is known for.

“Simply stated, **Representative Tant** is a force of nature. Her work ethic is unparalleled, which has allowed her to be one of our most effective members in the House. Her years of policy experience make her an excellent addition as we will all lean on her expertise in navigating the upcoming legislative session.

“**Representative Woodson** is the conscience of our Caucus, always calling upon members on both sides of the aisle to rise up to meet the highest version of themselves. Her professionalism is unassailable. I know that **Representative Woodson** will play an important role in helping to reinforce our Caucus’ values.”

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