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SENATOR BOBBY POWELL REACTS TO BUDGET VETOES

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – *State Senator Bobby Powell (D-West Palm Beach) on Thursday issued the following statement on the governor’s vetoes of local projects from the state’s new \$117 billion budget:*

“While I am appreciative of the governor’s approval of the bulk of local projects I sought, I am very disappointed in the number of those projects both in my district and elsewhere he cut from the multi-billion dollar spending plan.

“For many of these communities, state assistance represents a lifeline in funding critically needed projects, everything from water improvement to law enforcement safety gear, from flood drainage to veterans’ assistance. Approximately \$500 million in total was cut from a budget of \$117 billion, a small drop in the bucket to those wielding the budget axe, but an ocean of dollars to those dependent on the financial help. In a year in which Florida was flush with cash thanks largely to President Biden and federal assistance, these communities should have had a higher priority as the governor weighed the projects he chose to financially support.”

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