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STATEMENT FROM FLORIDA DNC MEMBERS ON FL-20

Nearly all the elected DNC members from Florida issued the following statement:

As Florida DNC members, we condemn Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's decision to run in FL-20, a historically Black and majority-Black congressional district.

At a time when the Supreme Court has gutted the Voting Rights Act, when Black representation across the South is under coordinated attack, and when Florida Republicans have aggressively dismantled Black political power through redistricting, this decision reinforces the same message Republicans have pushed for years: that Black representation does not matter.

It does matter. Representation matters. Lived experience matters.

Our party cannot credibly denounce the dismantling of Black political power by Republicans while treating one of Florida's few remaining majority-Black districts as a political opportunity for an incumbent seeking a safer seat. We cannot claim to defend voting rights, racial justice, and representation while undermining Black political power when it becomes politically convenient.

The undersigned Florida DNC members:

- Alan Clendenin, Florida DNC Member
- Juan Cuba, Florida DNC Member
- Daniel Henry, Florida DNC Member and Vice Chair of the Florida Democratic Party
- Millie Herrera, Florida DNC Member
- Samantha Herring, Florida DNC Member
- Lydia Hudson, Florida DNC Member
- Allison Minnerly, Florida DNC Member
- Judy Mount, Florida DNC Member
- Sean Shaw, Florida DNC Member
- Samuel Vilchez Santiago, Florida DNC Member