

Ron DeSantis Governor

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo President of the Florida Senate The Capitol, Suite 409 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

The Honorable Paul Renner Speaker, Florida House of Representatives The Capitol, Suite 420 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear President Passidomo, Speaker Renner and members of the Florida Legislature:

I respectfully present The Focus on Florida's Future Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. You may access these recommendations and accompanying documentation at the following link: http://FocusonFloridasFuture.com.

This budget reaffirms our commitment to fiscally responsible governance. We are spending less and setting aside reserves for future needs, while focusing on our great successes in education, children and families, protecting the environment, preserving law and order, and promoting economic development.

We are accelerating our debt reduction strategy at a time when the federal government and a hopeless Federal Reserve cannot seem to contain their excesses. We are providing pay raises for our teachers and recruiting more law enforcement officers. We are investing in new roads, bridges, ports, and our supply chain to move Florida forward, rather than acquiescing to the whims of a federal government bent on politicizing infrastructure investments.

The Focus on Florida's Future Budget reduces the size of Florida's government while maintaining an efficient delivery of critical services to Florida's families in need. Further, we provide more than \$1 billion in tax relief to continue our commitment to provide relief against the harmful inflation caused by reckless Washington largesse.

The last five budgets during my administration have seen many accomplishments that set Florida apart as the greatest state in the Union. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming Legislative Session to continue these successes so that Florida can remain a model of prosperity for America.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis Governor

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