

Ron DeSantis Governor

February 1, 2023

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 Framework for Freedom Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. You may access these recommendations and accompanying documentation at the following link - http://www.frameworkforfreedombudget.com/

This first budget of my second term continues my commitment to our education system, restoring the Everglades, protecting our natural resources, and keeping Florida resilient and strong. This budget makes needed investments to protect our residents by prioritizing our law enforcement officers and strengthening our State Guard and the Florida National Guard.

The Framework for Freedom Budget reflects a fiscally prudent approach to governance by reducing the overall positions in state government, maintaining significant fiscal strength including newly proposed state financial reserves, reducing state debt, and honoring my commitment to reduce the tax burden on Floridians.

The Framework for Freedom Budget builds on the accomplishments that we have achieved over the past four years and I look forward to working with you over the course of the next few months as you craft the budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis Governor