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The Honorable Ben Albritton
President of the Florida Senate
The Capitol, Suite 409
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

The Honorable Daniel Perez
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
The Capitol, Suite 420
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear President Albritton, Speaker Perez, and members of the Florida Legislature:

I respectfully present my Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Focus on Fiscal Responsibility Budget. You may access these recommendations and accompanying documentation at the following website:
<http://FocusonFiscalResponsibility.com>

This budget lays out a blueprint for fiscally responsible governance which reduces the size of government and allows us to continue delivering results for Floridians. We are reining in spending and prioritizing funding toward programs that will keep Florida on a path toward freedom and prosperity long after we leave office. We have contributed the maximum amount to the state's rainy day fund, setting aside reserves for future needs, while continuing to build on our great accomplishments in education, children and families, protecting the environment, preserving law and order, and promoting economic development.

Our debt reduction strategy has proven effective, and we again dedicate resources to pay down an additional \$1.7 billion, bringing the net total tax-supported debt paydown since I took office to \$8.5 billion. We are providing pay raises for our teachers, state law enforcement officers, and state firefighters. We are strategically investing in Florida's transportation infrastructure and supply chain to continue moving Florida forward.

The Focus on Fiscal Responsibility Budget produces a streamlined, efficient state government that focuses on the priorities that matter most to Floridians – the freedom to raise a family, own a business, and live in a safe neighborhood. It also eliminates bloated government handouts and ensures Floridians' taxpayer dollars are spent in the most efficient way possible.

We have fought for Floridians over the last six years, standing as a stark contrast against a federal government that enacted reckless spending and policies that restricted our freedoms. With a solid partner in the new federal administration, I look forward to working with you in the upcoming Legislative Session to continue building on Florida's successes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor