

DEFEND FLORIDA NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 7, 2025

If you live in Polk, Hardee, DeSoto, Charlotte or Miami Dade counties



We need volunteers who live in these counties as they are in House Speaker Perez and Senate President Albritton's districts. Our bills don't have a chance without leadership approval. Only those living in their districts will be able to lobby them to get our bills read in committee.

Leadership gives the marching orders. Even if we get sponsors for our bills, if leadership doesn't send it to committee to be read, the bills will die. Leadership will withhold PAC money to legislators and not assign them to any committees if they don't fall in line. We must support our sponsors and help them get traction with the Speaker of the House and Senate President so the bills get heard in committee.

OUR 5 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS IN A NUTSHELL

1. Illegal voters - SB1602
2. Illegal ballots. Chain of custody and VBM ID verification - HB1669
3. Single day voting and hand counting
4. Transparency and reconciliation
5. Securing election technology

We have volunteers going to Tallahassee next week, but we need more people. They plan on arriving on January 13th, lobby on the 14th and leave on the 15th. You will not be left on your own. You can go with others and even if you don't speak, your presence speaks volumes. Legislators figure for every one constituent that goes to the trouble to meet them in the capitol, they represent 100 to even 1000 of voters.

KEY TOOLS TO USE IN TALLAHASSEE

Visit the Defend Florida homepage at: www.defendflorida.org/preparation. Lots of information to prepare you for success is there. The links for a power point presentation and a two-page document to print and leave with your legislator are posted there. In a hurry? Here are the links.

Power Point:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1smCQTxoR2MjuY6h9Nxn_JUY-wt7jWBjn/view

2-page document:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1716B3xnXjYGyWSuQjLJRvMTOy9o6u5YJCJ-0lC_a-VU/edit?tab=t.0

PHASE I STRATEGY

Three steps must be taken to create positive outcomes with legislators.

1. Contact your legislator to book a meeting with them.
2. Present your information in concise verbal and written formats.
3. Consistently follow up with them to build a relationship through phone calls, emails, and their social media accounts like Facebook and X.

PHASE II

Generally, legislators won't respond because it's the right or moral thing to do.

1. Apply political pressure. That's what drives them. If it's more painful for them to listen to their detractors than to us, we lose. If we apply pressure through emails, news and social media, we win. They fear being ostracized.
2. Our most viable talking point is non-citizen voters. The Biden administration distributed voter registrations to millions of non-citizens as they crossed our borders. Americans are robustly against

non-citizens and illegal voters participating in our elections.

3. President Trump is against non-citizens and illegal voters voting. Ask your legislators, ... “Do you support President Trump’s efforts to prevent non-citizens from voting illegally in our elections?”
4. If they say yes, ask them ... “What’s your plan?” This way you’ll know if they’re sincere or not.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR LEGISLATOR IS TONE DEAF

Identify vulnerable elected officials in your district, *NOW*. Let them know what you expect from them. Go into your meetings with the attitude that you are on the winning side, and they can go along or get along. Let them know that you are making plans to primary them if they aren’t willing to work with you. Make sure everyone knows about your candidate’s failings and that you are going to primary them. Most RINOs are spineless, and they will fold. Ask them if they want to be part of the Hall of Fame or the Hall of Shame. The group known as the team that successfully primaried an elected official gains a lot of clout.

KRIS JURSKI & RPOF’S EVAN POWER

Evan Power is the President of the RPOF. He works for Ramba Consulting Group where he is a lead consultant for the Florida Supervisors of Elections. Ramba was behind the harassment bill that Florida defeated where poll workers could be jailed for questioning election procedures contrary to election protocols and procedures. The bill will likely emerge in the future. We must remain vigilant.

JANUARY 11 RALLY IN ORLANDO

The purpose was to expose the unfair treatment REC members have suffered at the hands of the state’s leadership of the Republican Party of Florida. Patriots from various Florida RECs met in Orlando at the Rosen Plaza where the RPOF

was meeting. As they walked into the lobby of the hotel, the RPOF leadership instructed hotel management to have them removed from the building. Local police provided the escort.

The REC is not a club. The members are elected officials who represent the constituents in their precinct. Unfortunately, two rules that the attendees opposed passed allowing RPOF Chairman Power to suspend members at his discretion. This development represents a critical moment that calls for sustained commitment to transparency, accountability and advocacy within our party.



Raj Doraisamy with police in hotel lobby

UPCOMING TALLAHASSEE LOBBY DATES

January 13-15

February 3-7

February 10-14

February 17-21

Note: If we get enough people to go in January, we may not need to go in February. Make plans to attend. Contact Meredyth Morrow if you can go at ammdmorrow@gmail.com. Check in on our Telegram channel at **0 Tallahassee Team** for scripts, lists of scheduled meetings, ride sharing and accommodations.

STAY CONNECTED

Register for Defend Florida Tuesday 7pm calls at www.defendflorida.org. Want to do more? Click on the **JOIN THE DEFEND MOVEMENT** button at the bottom of the home page. Miss a call? Go to www.defendflorida/p2.