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Chair of the Florida Legislative Black Caucus Responds to SCOTUS Dismantling Affirmative Action

TAMPA, Fla. – On Thursday the United States Supreme Court ruled that colleges and universities could no longer consider the race of an applicant as it relates to admissions, upending decades of legal precedent and dismantling Affirmative Action. For Decades Affirmative Action has provided opportunities for minority communities to access higher education, especially at institutions with years of proven discriminatory actions.

Representative Dianne Hart issued the following statement, “The Supreme Court’s ruling will have a negative impact on the accessibility of higher education for Black and Brown students throughout the country. This ruling has all but solidified race-based educational discrimination as the law of the land. Despite statements that this ruling levels the playing field, bringing us closer to a ‘colorblind’ nation, that will simply not be the case. To quote Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson’s dissent, ‘deeming race irrelevant in law does not make it so in life.’”

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