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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – Governor DeSantis removed **Monique Worrell** from her role as State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, citing a case where the Orange County Sheriff's office failed to pursue DNA testing.

Representative Rayner released the following statement:

"I vehemently condemn the recent decision by the Governor to remove Monique Worrell from her duly elected position as State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. This decision is yet another appalling abuse of power that strikes at the heart of our democratic system and undermines the trust of the voters who elected Worrell to serve in the pursuit of Justice and public safety.

"Monique Worrell's election as State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit was a testament to the faith and confidence the constituents of Circuit 9 placed in her. The Governor's decision to forcibly remove her from this role is not only a blatant disregard for the will of the people, but also a calculated assault on the democratic values that our great state holds dear.

"Governor DeSantis's actions send a chilling message that his personal political agenda takes precedence over the voices and choices of the voters. By removing Monique Worrell without just cause, the Governor has effectively silenced the voices of Circuit 9 residents who saw in her a champion of justice, equality, and fairness.

"It is the responsibility of elected officials, including the Governor, to respect the democratic process and to uphold the principles of accountability and transparency. This unjust removal of Monique Worrell is a flagrant violation of these principles and a direct attack on the very foundation of our government.

"I urge the residents of Circuit 9 to express their discontent and demand accountability from their elected officials. It is crucial that we stand united against such abuses of power and defend the principles of democracy that make our state and our nation strong."

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