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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – On Thursday, April 8, the Florida House of Representatives voted on the 2021-22 Fiscal Year budget, of which includes a 4% increase from last year’s budget, \$497 million sweep from Trust Funds, and eliminates the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (also known as the Sadowski Fund). According to the Sadowski Coalition, “by using all the Sadowski fund for housing, Florida will:

- Create 33,286 jobs;
- Generate \$4,963,951,961 in total economic impact;
- House 47,845 people;
- Build, rehabilitate or sell 19,138 houses; and
- Generate \$167,025,044 in revenue.”

**Representative Patricia Williams (D-Pompano)** provided the following statement on the sweep of affordable housing funds:

“Look at the numbers. A liar can figure but the figures do not lie. This is a common sense solution to revitalize Florida’s economy. **Representative Carlos Smith (D-Orlando)** introduced an amendment that would effectively keep funds in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in place while still addressing the issues of water quality and resilience,” said **Representative Patricia Williams**. “This is an egregious attack on hardworking Floridians who are struggling to keep a roof over their head. We must ensure all Floridians have an improved quality of life by keeping monies in the Sadowski Fund.”

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