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**Representative Fentrice Driskell Issues Statement Urging Corporations to Oppose Restrictive Voting Laws**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa)** issued the following statement regarding the wave of restrictive voting bills being advanced by Republicans in at least 43 states, including Florida:

“In response to the numerous voter suppression bills being pushed by legislatures across the country, it is imperative that corporations utilize their influence in opposing these proposals that attack our democracy and threaten to disenfranchise minority voters by adding more difficult and unnecessary barriers to voting. During the days leading up to the passage of Georgia’s Election Integrity Act, there was a lack of outcry from the corporations that we support with our purchasing power. Now more than ever, we need their alliance in protecting our democratic process. I urge corporations in Florida, and other states, to take a stand and support the people who allow their businesses to thrive.”

On March 31, 2021, the New York Times published an article citing dozens of prominent Black business leaders in America who are working to fight these restrictive laws. These efforts do not criticize specific companies but rather call on all of corporate America to publicly and directly oppose any laws that restrict the right to vote.

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State Representative Fentrice Driskell represents Florida House District 63, which is located in Hillsborough County and includes the Tampa-area communities of Carrollwood, Lake Magdalene, Lutz, University, New Tampa, and Pebble Creek.