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**Representative Patricia Williams Sends Letter to Governor Ron DeSantis to Classify Classroom Teachers as Essential Workers for COVID-19 Vaccination**

**Tallahassee, FL** –Today, State **Representative Patricia Williams (D-Pompano Beach)** sent a letter to **Governor Ron DeSantis** requesting that classroom teachers be classified as essential workers so they have priority access to the COVID-19 vaccine. A copy of the letter is attached.

**Representative Williams** issued the following statement:

“As teachers are being made to return to in-person instruction, it is critical that we allow them the opportunity to do this as safely as possible. This is why I am requesting that the Governor expand the definition of essential personnel to include our teachers. They will be at greater risk of exposure due to daily unavoidable contact with students and staff. Many are vulnerable to the devastating effects of this disease or they have loved ones at home that are at-risk. With all of this talk about personal responsibility, we need to give them the best possible chance to do just that by getting the vaccine to protect themselves and others.”

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