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**Tallahassee**, **FL** – Today, in anticipation of the opening week of Regular Session, the three Democratic Ranking Members of the House redistricting committee and subcommittees sent letters to their respective chairmen raising concerns. In the letters **Representative Joseph Geller (D-Aventura)**, **Representative Kelly Skidmore (D- Boca Raton)**, and **Representative Dan Daley (D- Coral Springs)** asked that the chairmen or committee staff publicly address several issues related to the redistricting process. This included explaining what systematic approach was used to draw House proposed plans, how minority access districts are being protected under the Fair Districts Amendments and the Voting Rights Act, and what is being done to protect language minorities, including Haitian Creole speakers, in the House proposals.

In the letter sent to the Chairmen, the **Democratic Ranking Members** stated, "... [T]ransparency and deliberation are paramount concerns in this process. This process cannot be rapid or opaque. We cannot allow our timeline to become artificially compressed. As we move into the opening of Regular Session, we must take as much time as we need to fully understand these maps. It is not enough we understand the top-level data inputs and the plan outputs—we need to understand the machinery that created these plans if we are going to make an informed, constitutional vote."

See attached files for full letters.