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**Rep. Angie Nixon on the Shameful Arrest of Peaceful  
Protestors by Governor DeSantis**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Yesterday, Floridians tired of Governor DeSantis ignoring their needs and stripping them of their freedoms peaceably assembled in his office to speak with him. The absentee Governor was unavailable and instead had the protestors arrested.

**Representative Angie Nixon (D-Jacksonville)** offered the following statement:

“Floridians across our races, places and backgrounds, value our fundamental freedoms. It’s no surprise that Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida’s freedom killer in chief, had folks arrested for exercising their First Amendment right to assemble. As DeSantis disrespects the rule of law when it benefits everyday people, he easily changes laws that inconvenience him personally on his path of destruction to the presidency.

His rubber stamps in the Legislature just passed legislation allowing him to remain in office while running for president and hiding any information on his travel and activities from the public. In the meantime, he does nothing about Floridians struggling to afford basic necessities like a roof over their heads.

DeSantis fails to acknowledge that the mansion he occupies up the street is THE PEOPLE’S mansion. He is temporary and The People are forever. They won’t let up until he does his job to serve all of us, not just the wealthy elites that pat him on his head and promise him the White House if he does their bidding.”

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