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Statement from Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues on the Fifth Week of Session

Tallahassee, FL—Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues released the following statement.

"With the first half of session behind us, the steadfast hard work of our caucus members has not slowed. This week, the Appropriations Committee passed the House's recommended budget, which cuts wasteful spending and prioritizes our state's critical needs. The House's budget provides \$2.2 billion in tax cuts for parents, students, teachers, veterans, job creators, job owners, and other Floridians. Also, we're planning on placing a record \$3.6 billion in reserves to prepare for unforeseen future economic uncertainty. We are looking forward to discussing the budget on the floor of the House next week, and entering into conference with the Senate in the future.

Aside from moving forward in the budget process, our members worked diligently to pass bills on the House floor that strengthened our second amendment rights, tightened bans on lobbying by former government employees and officers, and created uniform standards for ridesharing companies to operate in our state. Committee's passed bills to increase access to quality health care, encourages self-sufficiency, and reform the certificate of need program. These are just highlights of the many bills that were heard and passed in committee and on the floor this week."

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