



April 17, 2026

Dear Members of the House of Representatives,

The Palm Beach County Democratic Black Caucus writes to express our firm opposition to any action that would result in the removal of representation for Florida's 20th Congressional District.

This matter is about the fundamental right of a community to maintain its voice in Congress. Florida's 20th Congressional District is currently engaged in a consequential redistricting battle. To remove its representation during this process would leave hundreds of thousands of constituents without advocacy at a critical moment. Such an act is a direct threat to democratic representation.

The authority to determine representation belongs solely to the voters of the district. It should not be influenced by external political pressure or institutional convenience. Any action that silences this district outside the will of its electorate undermines the integrity of our democratic system.

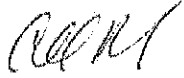
Expulsion is a severe action that must not be used to compromise a district's voice or its ability to participate in matters impacting its future. We reject any course of action that would disenfranchise this community, as representation delayed is representation denied. You penalize the individual if deemed warranted. You cannot penalize an entire District.

If there are issues to be addressed, they must be handled through fair due process, ensuring the final decision remains with the people. The voters of Florida's 20th Congressional District are entitled to determine their own leadership without interference.

We urge you to proceed with caution and respect for the constitutional rights of the constituents you serve. The issue is not a single officeholder; it is whether an entire district will remain represented. It should also be noted that in the event we determine

that the push to handicap our voices originates or permeates within the party- we will search diligently for ownership and accounting for said action.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CRIDLEY', written in a cursive style.

Charles Ridley, President
Palm Beach County Democratic Black Caucus