



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR WILTON SIMPSON
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Wilton Simpson
SUBJECT: Senate Committee on Appropriations
DATE: November 20, 2020

Senator Stargel will serve as Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations during the 2020-2022 Legislative Term. We are all well aware that the ongoing pandemic has placed a tremendous amount of stress on Florida's economy, and in turn our state budget. While the most recent reports indicate that our state is recovering more quickly than we initially thought possible, there is no question that much of our time over the next two years will be spent studying issues related to our budget.

I have served with Senator Stargel throughout my entire time here in the Senate and have witnessed her ability to effectively manage complex policy and budget issues. She will be a key member of the Senate leadership and will work to ensure all Senators have the opportunity to play a role in drafting our state budget. Along those lines, you can expect to receive additional information from Senator Stargel in the coming days.

Even under traditional circumstances, the detailed and time intensive post of Appropriations Chair is one of the most demanding responsibilities in the Legislature. Kelli is a strong leader, and I am confident she will be an effective member of the Senate leadership in this important role.