



Dear Residents of District 32,

Week Eight of the legislative session is now complete. With committees having wrapped, this week consisted of long nights and even longer discussions about important bills—many of which I have strong opinions on—as we worked to move legislation forward before the final phase of session.

Though committees have concluded, the work continues as we spend more time on the floor debating and voting on legislation that will have real impacts across our state and in District 32. These discussions are critical as we carefully consider the policies that will shape Florida’s future and ensure that the voices and priorities of our community are represented.

Though the pace of session is fast and the days are long, the work remains deeply rewarding. Every meeting, every discussion, and every opportunity to connect strengthens my commitment to advocating on your behalf.

As we move forward, I encourage you to stay engaged and continue sharing your thoughts and concerns. Your voice is essential to the work we are doing here in Tallahassee. Thank you for your continued support and trust—it is truly an honor to serve District 32.

opportunities that help Florida's students think critically, speak confidently, and engage constructively in the world around them.



During debate on the Senate Floor, we took up **SB 1134 – Official Actions of Local Governments by Senator Yarborough**, and I want to share clearly why I voted no.

This bill eliminates diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives within local governments. It prohibits counties and municipalities from funding or maintaining DEI offices, programs, or policies. I believe removing these initiatives sends the wrong message about who we are and what we stand for as a community.

For many years, DEI efforts were created to promote fairness and to ensure that people from all backgrounds had equal access to opportunity. These initiatives were intended to help communities identify barriers, expand participation, and ensure that public institutions serve everyone fairly.

I believe every person deserves a fair chance — regardless of race, gender, background, or zip code. Efforts that help ensure people are not marginalized or left out of opportunity should not be treated as improper or unlawful. We can stand firmly for fairness and equal access without supporting favoritism — those are not the same thing.

Equal opportunity is about keeping doors open. It is not about lowering standards or giving special treatment. It is about making sure everyone has access to opportunity and that no one is pushed to the margins.



This week on the Senate Floor, the Senate voted on **SB 1632 —Ideologies Inconsistent with American Principles**. I opposed this legislation because it singles out religious law, specifically Sharia law, in a way that raises serious constitutional concerns under the First Amendment and the Florida Constitution.

The bill broadly prohibits the enforcement of “religious law or foreign law” in Florida courts, schools, and public institutions, and it explicitly calls out Sharia law in its findings.

Mentioning Sharia law by name in a law is problematic because it targets a specific religion. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution guarantee the free exercise of religion and prohibit laws that single out one religion for disfavor. By explicitly referencing Sharia law, the bill risks violating these protections, as it treats Muslims differently from followers of other religions.

While the bill is framed as a public safety measure, the targeting of one religion and the severe penalties for individuals associated with certain organizations make it an unconstitutional and deeply troubling piece of legislation.

For these reasons, I cannot support this legislation and oppose the inclusion of language that singles out Sharia law or any other religious systems.

