



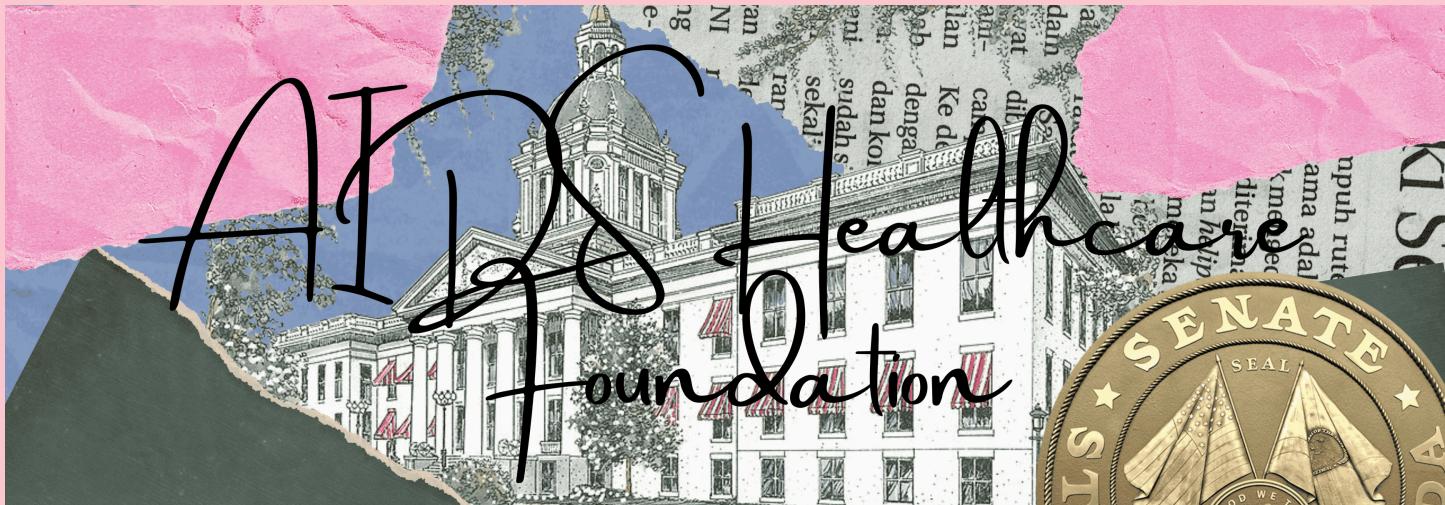
Dear Residents of District 32,

As we move into week two of the legislative session, I remain truly honored to serve as your Senator for District 32 and continue working on your behalf. The energy at the Capitol has been strong, and my team and I are fully engaged in advancing policies that strengthen our communities and create meaningful opportunities for families across our district.

This past week has been especially encouraging. I had the opportunity to see so many different groups and organizations come to the Capitol to advocate for their communities, causes, and shared priorities. It was inspiring to witness such passionate civic engagement and to hear directly from advocates working every day to make a difference across our state.

Your voices, experiences, and concerns remain at the heart of this work. They help shape our priorities, guide our decisions, and ensure that the policies we advance reflect the real needs of our district.

As the session continues, I encourage you to stay engaged and informed. My team and I will continue to share regular updates on key legislation, important developments, and opportunities for you to make your voice heard. Your input is invaluable, and I look forward to continuing this work together. Thank you for your continued support—there is much more ahead!



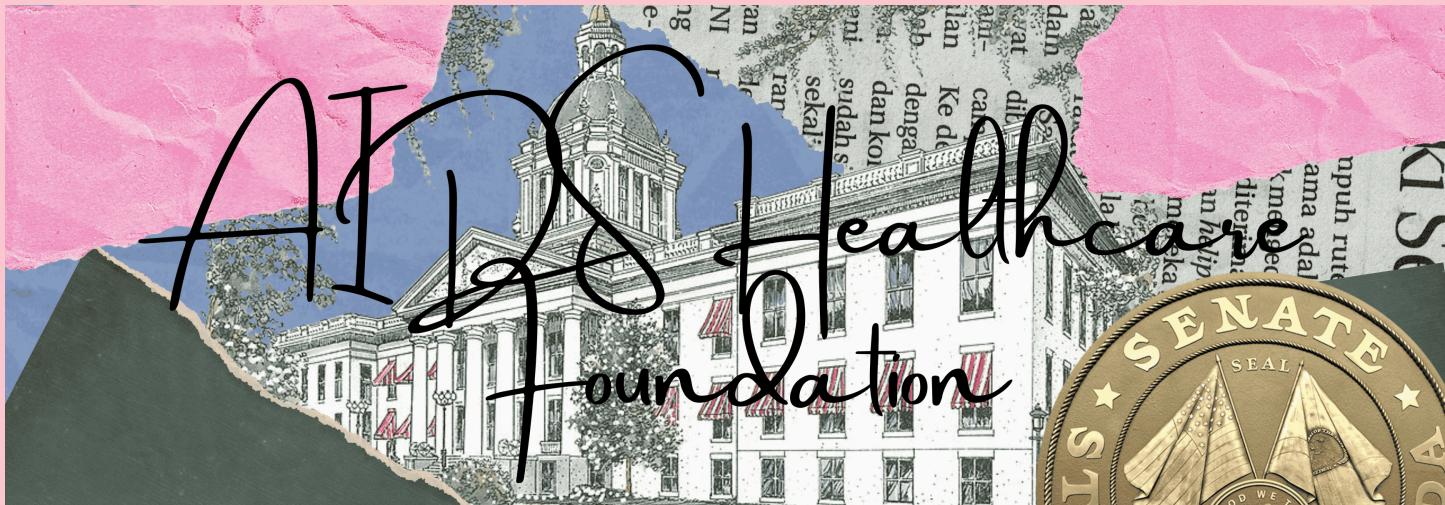
For more than 20 years, I have served a community deeply impacted by HIV/AIDS. I've held hands in hospital rooms, helped families secure housing and food, watched people become undetectable through consistent medication, and seen lives transformed when care is uninterrupted. I have also seen what happens when access to care is disrupted—and the consequences are devastating.

That is why proposed cuts to Florida's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) are not just budget decisions. They are life-and-death choices. This is also why I attended the ADAP press conference hosted by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, where healthcare advocates from across Florida came together to speak out against the program's drastic proposed reductions.

ADAP is often the last line of defense for people living with HIV who are uninsured or underinsured. It ensures access to the medications that keep people healthy, allow them to work, care for their families, and live full lives. These cuts would also have profound consequences for children. Children whose parents rely on ADAP to stay healthy enough to work and be present. Children who could lose stable homes and family security, not due to medical failure, but moral failure.

Florida already faces one of the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses in the nation. We know what works: early treatment, consistent care, and stable access to medication. Cutting ADAP will not save money. It will increase hospitalizations, deepen trauma, and lead to more preventable loss.

People living with HIV are not expendable. Their families are not collateral damage. Their children are not negotiable. Compassion must show up in our budgets. Fully funding ADAP is an act of justice, science, faith, and love. Florida can—and must—do better, and I will not stop fighting until it does.



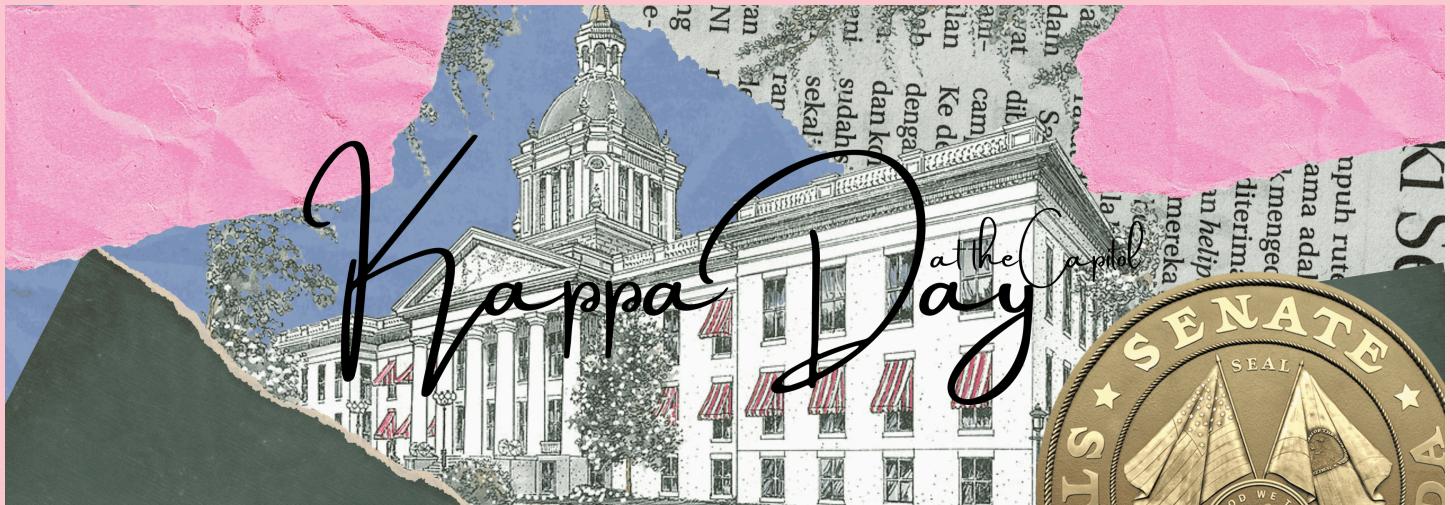


On January 19, 2026, Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier issued a legal opinion declaring many of the state's diversity, equity, inclusion, and affirmative action laws unconstitutional. The opinion targets affirmative action hiring plans, minority contracting goals, and efforts to ensure representation on public boards—policies enacted by the Legislature to address long-standing racial exclusion.

By labeling these duly enacted laws as “race-based discrimination” and announcing that his office will not defend or enforce them, the Attorney General is effectively placing personal legal interpretation above the law itself. Refusing to enforce laws that remain on the books—without a court ruling striking them down—is not only wrong, it also undermines the rule of law and raises serious legal and constitutional concerns.

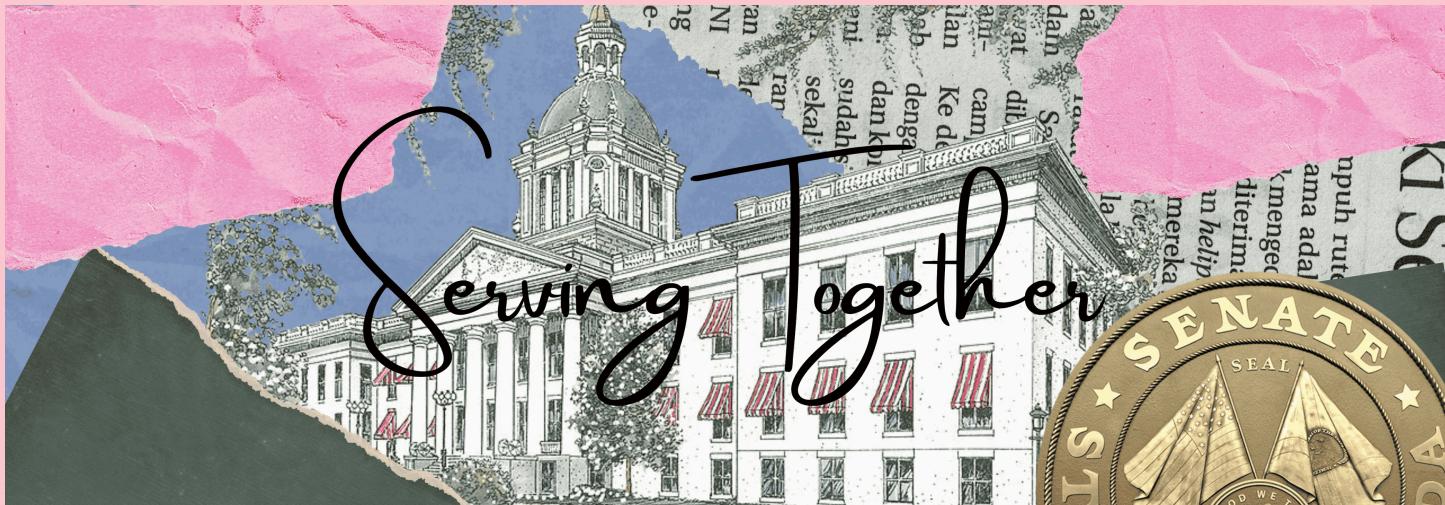
This decision dismantles tools that helped African Americans gain access to jobs, contracts, and decision-making spaces historically denied to them, while ignoring the unequal conditions that made such policies necessary. That is why members of the Florida Legislative Black Caucus held a press conference today, warning that the Attorney General’s actions represent both a dangerous rollback of civil rights protections and a troubling disregard for the obligation to uphold the law.





Kappa Day at the Florida Capitol was absolutely amazing! It was such a joy to welcome them to the Capitol, see them passionately advocate for the issues that matter to their communities, and have the chance to speak with them personally. Their energy, dedication, and commitment to making a difference were truly inspiring. Days like this remind me why civic engagement matters so much and how powerful it is when leaders step up to share their voices. It was an honor to spend the day with such a remarkable group, and I look forward to seeing all the incredible work they will continue to do for their communities.





During the Legislative Session, the Florida Capitol becomes a vibrant gathering place for organizations, community groups, and individuals from across the state who come to advocate for issues that matter most to them and to share their unique perspectives. I am always grateful for the opportunity to welcome these visitors, listen to their concerns, and engage in meaningful conversations about how we can work together to create positive change.

These visits are a powerful reminder of the diverse voices that help shape our state and the importance of remaining closely connected to the communities we serve. I look forward to continuing these conversations and welcoming even more visitors to the Capitol in the weeks ahead.

