



## *Florida House of Representatives*

### Democratic Office

*Franklin Sands*  
*Democratic Leader*

*Geraldine F. Thompson*  
*Democratic Leader Pro Tempore*

December 1, 2009

The Honorable Larry Cretul, Speaker  
Florida House of Representatives  
402 South Monroe Street  
420 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear Speaker Cretul:

Thank you for your prompt response to our request for a change in the schedule of the special session on rail transit.

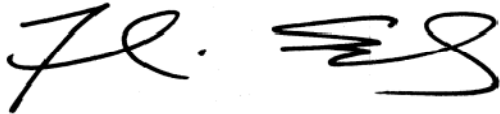
We share your sentiments that rail transit legislation may bring jobs for Floridians and help modernize our state's transportation system. However, we remain convinced that the House and Senate can conduct the business of a special session next week without disrupting members' planned attendance at the annual conference of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

We seek your agreement to convening the House on Monday, December 7. If that transpires, we would like to assure you that the Florida House Democratic Caucus will not object to rolling rail transit legislation to third reading on Tuesday, December 8. Doing so, we believe, would give sufficient time for legislative deliberations in both the House and Senate while also showing the appropriate sensitivity and respect to our members who have long planned attendance at the

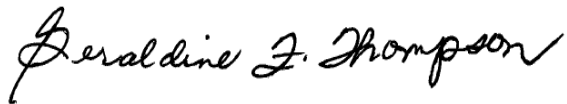
annual conference in Fort Lauderdale.

We seek your urgent response today.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F.L. ES". The letters are stylized and cursive.

Franklin Sands, Leader  
House Democratic Caucus

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geraldine J. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Geraldine Thompson, Leader Pro Tempore  
House Democratic Caucus