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**STATEMENT REGARDING REPUBLICAN PLAN  
TO RESTORE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP SLUSH FUNDS**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – State Rep. Rick Kriseman (D-St. Petersburg) responded to a statement made today by State Rep. Seth McKeel (R-Lakeland), touting legislation that he claims would provide more transparency to the political process.

“House Bill 1207 amounts to nothing more than legislative leadership funds on steroids,” said Representative Kriseman. “This bill offers shadows instead of transparency, and not the real reform that’s needed to improve the political process.

“By allowing unlimited donations to legislative leadership funds, the bill will concentrate an enormous amount of power in the hands of a few elected officials. This will result in lawmakers being more responsive to legislative leaders than to voters and the general public.

“Today, I was pleased to join other Democrats in the House Governmental Affairs Policy Committee in voting against House Bill 1207.”

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