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**FLORIDA DEMOCRATS FOR LIFE**

**Prolife Democrats Support State Rep. Daphne Campbell and Call for the Democratic Party to Show Inclusion  
Prolife Democratic Group to prolife state legislators: It's time to come of the closet!**

DAVIE, FL – Florida Haitian American Democratic state representative Daphne Campbell debated in favor of anti abortion bills as a freshman legislator. As a result of her unwavering support for life Rep. Daphne D. Campbell (D-Miami), has become the victim of a hate crime on the Florida House of Representatives floor, Wednesday, April 27, 2011. State Rep. Scott Randolph (D-Orlando) committed the hate crime against Rep. Campbell because she spoke on behalf of her constituents on a critical issue and subsequently voted her convictions. Minority Leader Rep. Ron Saunders joined in the attack on Rep. Daphne Campbell, both of whom threatened to find someone to run against her in 2012. Rep. Scott Randolph called her a traitor and threw her commemorable pen in the garbage can.

“We commend Rep. Campbell for her tremendous strength of character and unwavering commitment to standing up for her beliefs in the face of attacks from within her own Caucus,” said Freda Stevens President of Florida Democrats for Life. “We call on the Democratic leadership to demand that all Members of the Democratic Caucus and Democratic Party treat pro-life Members with respect and allow members to vote their conscience with respect to life issues.”

For years the Democratic Party has been called the party of inclusion; yet, when faced with a member of the House who has opposing convictions; party leaders ignore principles and attack its members. It is essential that the Democratic Party embrace prolife members and minorities or stop taking our vote for granted. Now is the time to hold the Democratic Party accountable for her hypocrisy. The word inclusion by definition means the state of being included. That means the Democratic Party must include: prolife democrats and democrats from all ethnic and racial backgrounds.

“Representative Campbell is a true hero and like, former Governor Bob Casey, Congressman Bart Stupak and other inspirational pro-life Democrats, she refuses to yield to pressure from the Party and maintains her strong pro-life convictions,” said Kristen Day, Executive Director of Democrats for Life of America. “We urge other Democratic legislators and pro-life democrats around the country to follow her lead and proudly and publicly advocate for the protection of life at all stages.”

The Democratic Party is stronger when the platform includes a common sense balance between both sides of the abortion debate.

Florida Democrats for Life applauds Rep. Daphne Campbell and plans to support her reelection bid with a fundraiser in the coming weeks. It is time for all prolife democrats to come out of the closet and support their convictions.

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