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Florida Decides Healthcare Statement on Final Passage of HB 1205 to Undermine Florida's Citizen-led Amendment Process

Tallahassee, **Fla.** – Following the Senate passage of <u>HB 1205</u>, **Florida Decides Healthcare Campaign Manager Mitch Emerson** issued the following statement:

"Today, politicians in Tallahassee—led by those who fear the will of the people— voted to attack Floridians' fundamental freedom to vote on the laws that govern their lives through the citizen-led amendment process. This legislation is not about 'transparency' or 'reform.' It's a calculated move by out-of-touch politicians trying to rewrite the rules to further keep the power in their hands, and away from everyday citizens. They're attempting to silence Floridians because they're afraid of answering to *We The People*.

"Florida Decides Healthcare has fought tirelessly to protect the voice of the people and we're not going anywhere. We will continue to fight for the freedom of every Floridian to access the healthcare they need because no politician gets to decide which rights we're allowed to keep. The people of Florida deserve better than this bad-faith attempt to silence our voices."

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Florida Decides Healthcare is a non-profit organization dedicated to securing affordable, high-quality healthcare for over 1.4 million Floridians. With a non-partisan coalition at its core, the organization is focused on amending Florida's Constitution to expand Medicaid, championing healthcare rights for Florida's working families.