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## **Statement from Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues on the Fourth Week of Session**

Tallahassee, FL—Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues released the following statement.

**“As subcommittees wrapped up, our caucus worked fiercely to pass important legislation, including four free market health care reforms. These reforms will expand access and affordability to health care by allowing ambulatory surgical centers (ASC’s) and recovery care centers to operate in our state, requiring all Florida Hospitals and ASC’s to complete and publish patient culture surveys, increasing prescription drug price transparency, and expanding the use of direct primary care.**

**We also passed a House Joint Resolution on judicial term limits with broad support. This good bill will give power to Florida voters to decide whether or not they believe state appellate-level judges should be subject to term limits. Judicial term limits have been supported by some of our nation’s judicial leaders, like US Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts. Implementing term limits would reinforce the principles of judicial service, and encourage a more transparent and efficient system.**

**We began discussions on how to cut taxes for Floridians, with special attention to households and small businesses by improving tax administration, and implementing new, extended, or expanded sales tax exemptions. There are also plans to revise the corporate income tax, and provide property tax relief to certain properties that provide affordable housing. Moving forward, we will be continuing the discussion of how to best provide tax relief that benefits all Floridians. Once again, this week proves that the Florida House is working hard to enact legislation that affects and improves the lives of everyday Floridians.”**

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