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**Progressives counter Gov. DeSantis’ State of the State with “The People’s Response”**

*Local advocates join statewide call to enact the “Sunrise Agenda”, a series of proposals to build a Florida that works for all Floridians*

**[CITY]** –– Progressive advocates today provided a “people’s response” to Gov. Ron DeSantis’ State of the State Address. The group unveiled the [Sunrise Agenda](http://www.flsunriseagenda.com/), a series of proposals to build a Florida that works for all Floridians, not just the wealthy and well connected. The event was held in conjunction with a press conference of progressive legislators at The Capitol and sister events in [Jacksonville, West Palm Beach, and Orlando].

“Republicans have had a stranglehold on state government for two decades, pushing an agenda that delivers tax breaks to big corporations and rolls back investments in our schools and protections for workers and the environment,” said [NAME, TITLE]. “The Sunrise Agenda puts Floridians first.”

“The Republican majority continues to rig the rules and is more interested in protecting their power than working to improve the lives of workers including the teachers, nurses, public employees, retirees and small business owners who make Florida’s economy work,” said [NAME, TITLE].

“For too long we’ve seen working families struggle while the big corporations and wealthy special interests get all the breaks,” said [NAME, TITLE]. “Floridians need leaders who will put them first and work together to build an economy that works for everyone, and that’s exactly what the Sunrise Agenda will do.”

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“Florida’s progressives believe that it’s time for a new day here in the Sunshine State and we’re launching the Sunrise Agenda to put Floridians first, prioritizing our economy, our students, our health and our people,” said [NAME, TITLE].”

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