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The Honorable David Santiago  
The Florida House of Representatives  
1003 The Capitol  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Re: HB 985 Notice/Public Meetings

Dear Representative Santiago,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for HB 985, requiring the legally mandated notice of all public meetings to additionally include a description of each matter to be considered at such meetings, and prohibiting a collegial body from acting upon a matter at a public meeting which was not included in the notice of the meeting. We applaud your attention to this issue, Representative Santiago; your meritorious legislation will help ensure that citizens have sufficient and adequate notice on all matters before their elected representatives and will, in effect, eliminate "shady" discussion and action by collegial bodies.

We believe HB 985 to be a critically important statement of public policy, reinforcing Florida's reputation as the Sunshine State. We greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of all Floridians, Representative Santiago. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Petersen, President

Cc: The Honorable Will Weatherford, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives  
Jon Kaney, General Counsel, First Amendment Foundation  
Sam Morley, General Counsel, Florida Press Association