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January 30, 2020

The Honorable Jeff Brandes
Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street, Room 416 SOB
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

RE: SB 1354 Statewide Voter Registration Applications

Dear Senator Brandes:

I am writing on behalf of the First Amendment Foundation to express our support for Senate Bill 1354, which would repeal a public record exemption for information related to prior felony convictions contained in a voter registration record. The Foundation is grateful for your effort to reduce the number of exemptions to Florida's public records laws, thereby increasing access to public information.

If there is anything we can do to help with the passage of this legislation, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Pamela C. Marsh, President

cc: The Honorable Bill Galvano, President, The Florida Senate
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