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Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of our colleague, Representative Rick Kriseman, to serve as a Democratic Policy Advisor.

Rick is an articulate, courageous and knowledgeable legislator who will assist the caucus in the months ahead on many important and complex issues. He enjoys the full and absolute respect of our entire caucus, and his commitment to us is greatly appreciated.

As you know, the Caucus Policy Committee, headed by Representative Keith Fitzgerald, is a useful venue for developing a better understanding of the most-challenging topics in the Legislature. In accordance with our rules, Democratic policy advisors assist the Democratic policy chair.

It is distressing that the Republican leadership in September did not reappoint Representative Kriseman to the House Policy Council, nor was he reappointed to the General Government Policy Council, the PreK-12 Policy Committee, nor the Energy & Utilities Policy Committee.

During the 2009 legislative session and throughout his tenure in the Florida House of Representatives, Rick has presented himself as a passionate but thoughtful and respectful member of the Democratic Caucus, even when expressing disagreement with the Republican leadership on matters of drilling for oil in state waters or voicing his sincere concerns about a telecommunications bill.

Rick has much to offer. It is unfortunate that the Republican leadership has attempted to mute his voice in the Legislature. But their partisan ploy only gives us more reason to bring his talents to the fore. Our caucus and the residents of Florida are grateful for Representative Kriseman's public service.

Respectfully,

Franklin Sands