



FLORIDA FAITH LEADERS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF STATE SEN. FRANK ARTILES

As people of faith, we are compelled to show love and respect for our neighbors.

Treating others as we wish to be treated ourselves is a basic tenet of all of our religious traditions. State Sen. Frank Artiles' recent racist, sexist and homophobic remarks flout these core values and reveal that he is unfit to represent the rich and diverse tapestry of Floridians in his district and throughout our great state.

In light of Senator Artiles' hateful and discriminatory speech, we call for his immediate resignation. Hate has no place in the Florida Senate or anywhere else in our state.

Sincerely,

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