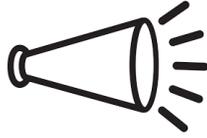


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**Sent via E-mail to Senate Ethics and
Elections Committee Chair Gaetz,
Senator Grall, and their Aides.**

The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

**Re: The Secretary for the Agency for Health Care Administration's Scheduled February 23,
2026, Senate Confirmation Hearing**

Dear Senate Ethics and Elections Committee Chair Gaetz and Senator Grall:

As you are aware, I am the founder and executive director of **Florida Voice for the Unborn**, a statewide grassroots pro-life lobbying group based in Tallahassee. I am writing today to request that both of you take the opportunity at **Secretary Shevaun Harris'** upcoming confirmation hearing to question her about the Agency for Health Care Administration's ("AHCA's") lax enforcement of Florida's abortion laws – and related problems.

On February 10th, the day before the Senate Health Policy Committee voted 10-to-1 to recommend that the full Senate confirm **Governor DeSantis'** reappointment of **Secretary Harris**, I sent a letter to each Republican committee member (and their aides), outlining in detail **Florida Voice for the Unborn's** continuing concerns. You may read this e-letter in PDF form, via our website, [HERE](#).

I was present for the entirety of **Secretary Harris'** confirmation hearing before the Senate Health Policy Committee. Unfortunately, no member of that committee found the courage to ask **Secretary Harris** about anything having to do with abortion. Moreover, in her opening and closing statements before the committee, **Secretary Harris** touched upon just about every other issue for which AHCA is responsible, but did not address abortion at all.

During the Senate Health Policy Committee debate over **Secretary Harris'** confirmation, I noted that you, **Senator Gaetz**, as a member of that committee, asked **Secretary Harris** to use her closing statement to address the area(s) in which she felt AHCA needed to improve the most. However, as I indicated above, **Harris** did not take the opportunity to address the elephant in the room.

On Friday, February 13th, the day before a long holiday weekend – and two days after the Senate Health Policy Committee's vote on **Secretary Harris'** reappointment, AHCA released the final statewide abortion total for 2025.

AHCA's updated reports now show that, from January 1st – December 31st of 2025, **48,149 unborn babies** were reported as killed in Florida abortions. This total is deeply troubling, given Florida's legal prohibition on most abortions after six-weeks' gestation, which took full effect on May 1, 2024.

Also distressing is the fact that the publication of the final 2025 statewide abortion total appears to have been unduly delayed. If you check-out the final AHCA abortion report for 2025 (by gestation reason), you will see that it has a print date of February 9, 2026. You may view this report on AHCA's website [HERE](#).

And if you review the corresponding final AHCA abortion report for 2025 (by patient county of residence), you will see that it has a print date of January 31, 2026 – and, for unexplained reasons, that report also lists the final number of abortions for 2025 as 48,145 rather than 48,149 as listed on the other report. You may also view the report by patient county of residence on AHCA's website [HERE](#).

Despite the completion of these reports prior to **Secretary Harris'** Senate Health Policy Committee confirmation hearing, they were not made publicly available until afterward.

The delayed publication only underscores **Florida Voice for the Unborn's** concerns that the abortion numbers in Florida are being manipulated to paint an inaccurate picture.

On behalf of grassroots pro-life advocates throughout the state, I respectfully ask you to thoroughly familiarize yourself with my February 10th letter to the Senate Health Policy Committee, and, at the upcoming Senate Ethics and Elections Committee hearing, firmly press **Secretary Harris** to publicly address our legitimate concerns about one of AHCA's most important areas for which it has responsibility.

If you would like to discuss this matter with me further, I will make myself available to meet with you in-person, virtually, or over the telephone, at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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