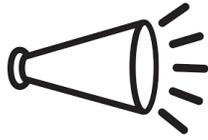


# Florida Voice



## For The Unborn

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**Sent via E-mail to all Republican Senate Health Policy Committee Members and their Aides.**

The Senate Health Policy Committee  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

**Re: The Secretary for the Agency for Health Care Administration's Scheduled February 11, 2026, Senate Confirmation Hearing**

Dear Senate Health Policy Committee Chair Burton, Vice Chair Harrell, and all additional Republican committee members:

As you are aware, I am the founder and executive director of **Florida Voice for the Unborn**, a statewide pro-life grassroots lobbying group based in Tallahassee. I am writing to you today to offer relevant information for consideration prior to tomorrow's scheduled confirmation hearing concerning **Governor Ron DeSantis'** reappointment of **Shevaun Harris** as the Secretary for the Agency for Health Care Administration (hereafter referred to as "AHCA").

AHCA is the state agency charged under Florida statutes with regulating abortion centers, which includes licensing and inspecting facilities; collecting required data about abortions performed; and submitting an annual report to the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding all of the above (see sections 390.011 through 390.025 of the Florida statutes).

**Secretary Harris** has served as the AHCA Secretary since February 25, 2025. During last year's annual Legislative Session, your committee recommended that the Senate confirm **Secretary Harris'** appointment. However, the next assigned committee of reference, the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee, took no action, preventing the full Senate from considering **Secretary**

**Harris'** appointment. Consequently, **Governor DeSantis** reappointed Secretary Harris to her position on July 15, 2025. It is now up to the Senate to confirm this reappointment; otherwise, **Secretary Harris'** reappointment will expire upon “the adjournment *sine die* of the regular session immediately following the effective date of the reappointment; and the appointee [**Secretary Harris**] shall not hold over in that office or be eligible for reappointment in that office for 1 year thereafter,” per Florida statute 114.05(1)(f).

At this point in the process, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** has not taken an official position on Secretary Harris' confirmation. However, our organization is highly interested in the outcome.

In a November 17, 2025, joint memo to **Senate President Ben Albritton** and **House Speaker Daniel Perez** that a fellow grassroots pro-life leader and I co-authored, we asked the Legislature to take action concerning AHCA's lax oversight of Florida's abortion facilities.

As we wrote in the opening paragraph of this three-and-a-half-page, well-sourced memo:

We believe [AHCA] has not been engaging in proper supervision of abortion facilities. Our state's statutory prohibition of abortions after six-weeks' gestation (with some exceptions) took effect on **May 1, 2024**.<sup>1</sup> While it is true that the annual number of Florida abortions decreased in 2024, the number of abortions taking place at six-weeks' gestation or less appear to have dramatically risen **from May 2024 through December 2024**. Even accounting for women who are now obtaining abortions earlier in their pregnancies than they ordinarily would have, the increase in reported abortions at six-weeks' gestation or less is so significant as to suggest that abortion facilities are likely committing violations of Florida law by underestimating the age of the child in the womb or completely ignoring the statute. Therefore, we are calling upon the Legislature to remedy the situation by holding AHCA accountable.

Our joint memo was issued electronically as well as in-person during subsequent meetings with a member of **Senate President Albritton's senior staff**; the chairman of the House Health Care Facilities and Systems Subcommittee, **Rep. Adam Anderson (R–Pinellas County)**, and his legislative aide; and **AHCA Secretary Harris** and several of her staff members. We also shared the joint memo with additional key pro-life lawmakers; **Attorney General James Uthmeier's** office; and the Executive Office of **Governor Ron DeSantis**. You may read our joint memo in its entirety [HERE](#).

On January 14, 2026, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** held a well-attended Capitol Press Conference to brief reporters concerning our ongoing concerns with AHCA. You may read my prepared remarks and find links to the media coverage [HERE](#).

Following the press event, I learned from **Rep. Anderson's** office that **Rep. Anderson** had met with **Secretary Harris** just prior to the start of the press event. Since that time, **Secretary Harris** and her subordinates at AHCA appear to be much more responsive to the concerns of grassroots

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<sup>1</sup> See: Section 390.0111 of the Florida Statutes.

pro-life advocates. But while I am cautiously optimistic that AHCA is finally beginning to take seriously its responsibility to enforce Florida’s abortion laws, systemic problems at AHCA remain.

To close this letter, I will provide just one example of these continual problems.

AHCA periodically provides reports on its website concerning the total number of abortions (by patient county of residence and by gestation reason). These reports are entitled, “Year to Date,” at the top. But the problem is, these reports also include a date at the bottom of the report, but this date is only the date the report was printed – it does not reflect the actual number of abortions that have occurred as of that date, since, under Florida statute 390.0112(4), abortion facilities have 30 days to report their monthly abortions. You may find the most recent version of these misleading AHCA reports [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

The aforementioned problem has been pointed out to **Secretary Harris** and other AHCA officials many times. And still the problem remains, which has consequences. Most notably, the misleading reports have allowed news publications and other pro-life groups to use the skewed statistics to promote a false narrative. For instance, the president of **Florida Right to Life** recently wrote [an op-ed](#), dated February 6, 2026, which incorrectly claimed that abortions in Florida have dropped by nearly half since 2022. This op-ed relied on a pro-abortion article from the *Tampa Bay Times* that, in turn wrongly asserted, “just over 44,200 abortions were provided by Florida clinics” in 2025. The article based that incorrect number of total abortions off the most recent available AHCA reports with a print date of December 31, 2025 / January 1, 2026. However, as of this writing, those reports do not include the number of abortions reported for December, per the reasons discussed above.

During the confirmation process for **Secretary Harris**, including at tomorrow’s hearing, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** strongly urges you to consider all of the information provided in this letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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