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### **House Democratic Caucus Urges Caution Rather than Rushing to Pass State Budgets**

#### ***'We Currently Have More Questions Than Answers'***

**(Montgomery, AL)** – House Minority Leader, Anthony Daniels (D-Huntsville), today addressed the plans to reconvene the 2020 Regular Session and urged caution rather than the legislature rush to pass the state budgets.

“This year’s budget may be the most important ever,” said Daniels. “The more we know, the better positioned we’ll be when it’s time to make important choices. Right now, there are just too many unanswered questions and the future of our state is at stake.”

Over the past few months, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on every aspect of the state and state economy - including on individuals who lost their jobs, small business owners forced to temporarily shutter their businesses, local municipalities that have lost millions in tax revenue and more. In addition, it has wreaked havoc on the state’s education and health care systems with additional repercussions across nearly every agency and institution.

While some have said the legislature needs to get back to work, members of the House Democratic Caucus have already been working tirelessly in their districts to combat the local impact of this global crisis. Members have hosted webinars to arm small business owners with information important to their survival and have been working to ensure students have the tools they need to continue their remote education and frontline workers have the protective gear they need. They have also been working to be sure no child or family goes hungry during this unprecedented time.

“This year’s budget isn’t about checking a box. It’s about assembling a strategic and comprehensive plan to combat coronavirus and launch our recovery,” Daniels continued. “Don’t rush the budget. We have a job to do, let’s do it well. We want a budget done the right way – rather than one done right away.”

Yesterday, following her press conference regarding the State’s plan to begin re-opening the state, [Gov. Ivey](#) expressed surprise and concern over passing the state’s budgets without adequate information.

The Alabama House of Representatives adjourned on March 12 for the legislative spring break, and has only convened twice (on March 31 and April 28) to postpone the session amidst COVID-19, and the session will resume on May 4.

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