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Political Payback is Alive and Well in the Florida Senate

After the news that Senate Leadership has removed Senator Fasano from his chairmanship of Senate Subcommittee on Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations, Florida AFL-CIO President, Mike Williams had these remarks.

“It is a sad day in Florida politics when disagreeing with Senate Leadership on legislation can remove a Senator from a chairmanship or any leadership position. This happened today to Senator Fasano. The Florida AFL-CIO and our affiliates are outraged that the leadership in the Senate would stoop to political games and payback for disagreeing with their expedited process to privatize correctional facilities. Why did they do this? Because the Senator from New Port Richey is standing up for the working families of Florida, instead of special interests who have bought and paid for politicians to do their bidding. The Florida Senate should not be a venue for retribution but should serve the people of the state of Florida. We are disappointed by today’s events, but we know that this will embolden the Senator and his allies on this issue. We know Senator Fasano will fight even harder to make sure that families and communities in our state are protected and that the voice of opposition to a corporate takeover of governmental functions is louder than ever before.”

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