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## **In Miami, FRRC Rallies Returning Citizens to Polls on First Day of Early Voting**

*Hosts Press Conference, tells Second Chance Voters, People with Past Felony Convictions, to Stand Strong in Face of Attempts to Keep Them From Polls*

Miami, Florida – Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRC) Free the Vote bus makes its way to Miami, Florida on October 19, the first day of early voting in Florida. This is part of a statewide bus tour to get all registered returning citizens to turn out this election.

Much is on the ballot affecting the second chance voters including where they can live, how much they get paid, what opportunities are open to them and how fair the criminal justice system is. There are tens of thousands of returning citizens who are registered to vote this election and elections are ALWAYS close in Florida.

**Who: Florida Rights Restoration Coalition including Desmond Meade will address the emerging power of the second chance voter and ongoing efforts to try and block them from the polls**

**When: 1 PM, October 19, 2020**

**Where: Joseph Caleb Center on 5400 NW 22nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33142,**

In 2018, more than two-thirds of Floridians voted in favor of restoring voting rights to 1.4 million returning citizens. Florida's legislators, however, amended the law, adding a requirement that returning citizens pay their remaining fines and fees before re-enfranchisement. After the state moved to weaken the impact of Amendment 4, FRRC worked hard this election year to make sure as many returning citizens as possible are eligible to vote if they want to. FRRC, with the support of more than 86,000 donors nationwide, helped raise more than \$27 million to pay returning citizens' fines and fees. They removed the voting obstacle for tens of thousands of returning citizens and plan to continue this work well past the 2020 election.

FRRC will also lead [#freethevote marches](#) statewide on October 24, including in Miami at the Caleb Center, urging returning citizens to use their voice and voting power.

FRRC has promised to help any returning citizen challenged at the polls, offering legal counsel and providing poll workers to make sure no eligible voter is turned away. Anyone needing help can call 877-MY-VOTE-0.

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## **About The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition**

FRRC is a grassroots, membership organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons) who are dedicated to ending the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions and creating a more comprehensive and humane reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety. For more information, visit <https://floridarrc.com/>.