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**RE: AMENDMENT 4 AND
DESMOND MEADE**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am president of the Florida Action Committee (FAC). FAC is a not-for-profit public safety advocacy organization. Our membership is comprised of over Two Thousand (2,000) individuals in Florida and their families, including persons required to register as sex offenders.

Several of our members received correspondence from your Chairperson, Desmond Meade in the form of a paid political advertisement from your organization. He writes about his life 13 years ago, his accomplishments since and how he is deserving of his right to vote. He asks for the reader's support of Amendment 4, which would restore *his* right to vote.

FAC's membership contains some individuals who committed offenses much farther in the past than Mr. Meade and whose accomplishments since, exceed his. FAC does not judge one classification of "returning citizen" over another. Apparently, however, your organization does. In his letter, in a bold font, he writes, "[t]he amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense."

From our perspective, Amendment 4 enshrines discrimination into the Florida Constitution. Equally damaging, it sanctions the "othering" of an entire sub-class of former felon – condoning their ostracism and perpetuating myths about their dangerousness. Your letter throws human beings which are no less deserving, who have also paid their debt, under a bus.

Contrary to what your organization's name asserts, you are hardly for a "fair democracy".

Sincerely,

s/
Gail Colletta, President
The Florida Action Committee, Inc.