The race for Pinellas-Pasco State Attorney this year is historic. Former assistant public defender and Democratic Alllison Miller is taking on Republican top prosecutor Bruce Bartlett, who has spent more than four decades working in the office and was appointed interim state attorney last year after his predecessor, Bernie McCabe, died, in office. It is the first election in 30 years. After McCabe defeated another prosecutor in 1992, he didn’t face any challengers for the remainder of his 28-year term. Bartlett served as chief assistant state attorney for nearly that entire time, and was appointed state attorney by Gov. Ron DeSantis after McCabe’s death. The race could also be his last time in the office’s 110-year history that voters elect a woman as top prosecutor.

The progressive say the document was drafted months ago and was “released without setting.”

The withdrawal comes a day after the letter, led by Congressional Progressive Caucus chairwoman Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., triggered force push-back from many Democrats, as well as from Ukrainian officials, who argued it was unrealistic to negotiate with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

They also worried the letter could create more pressure on Biden as he tries to sustain domestic support for the war effort, at a time when the region is heading into a potentially difficult winter and Republicans are threatening to cut aid to Ukraine if they retake Congress.

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