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with other useful local and state offices for constituents in Marion County, our office is a one-stop shop for folks seeking assistance with federal agencies, including the VA, Social Security Administration, and IRS, along with economic development opportunities, internships for local students, and more. Our team

continues to deliver the same excellent service we always have in this new location. We hope constituents will visit us soon in-person or contact us via phone at (352) 421-9052."

The Ocala District Office is located at 2630 SE 3rd Street, Ocala, FL 34471 and is open Monday through Friday from 9am to



Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership Announces Interim CEO

Ocala, FL (April 22, 2025) — The Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tamara Fleischhaker as Interim Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately.

This appointment follows the departure of Kevin Sheilley, who served with distinction for over 12 years, advancing the organization's mission of driving economic growth and prosperity in the Ocala Metro area.

Fleischhaker brings a wealth of experience in leadership and institutional knowledge to this transitional role. Her expertise ensures continued stability and momentum as the

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Senior Fishing Derby

By TomL

The senior Fishing Derby went on without a hitch. The weather was great. Hundreds of people showed up, all show up checked in,

got their fishing pole their bait and went and found their favorite spot. The largest cat fish I saw was 16 3/4". There was one caught later over 20". All the fish were catch and release.

The City Parks and Recreation Senior center furnished a box lunch and drink and made sure everyone got plenty healthy air and sunshine. It was truly a beautiful day. I would like to thank LaToya Artis and Grace Huffman for all the work they did to make this happen. Thank you to all the volunteers.

The biggest fish Joe London [20 inches]
Most Fish Lois Langford
Oldest Fisherman Mary Reynold 97 yrs old

SOME HISTORY....
I recall some of the past Senior Fishing Derby's:

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CHAIR CHAT

Marion County Republican Executive Committee (MCREC) opposition to CS/SB 1080 (Reconsideration Attempt)

Seems to be an enormous amount of opposition to SB1080 in our communities through out our State, and even after it failed in final committee, there seems to be a move internally to reconsider the bill.

It is with some level of dismay and disappointment that the will of the electorate of the Marion County Republican Party is being ignored by this Bill's sponsor. The Senator again is pushing for passage, despite a public "No" decision by the legislature, as well as prior numerous letters from a number of County Republican organizations. Some of the key factors are noted below, what is most distressing is the disregard of a legislator to support the will of the people.

So the following is our opinion on why we opposed the bill and the following is what we addressed to each Senator. Make up your own minds because this bill is not dead yet.

On behalf of the Marion County Republican Executive Committee (MCREC), representing more than 130,000 registered Republican voters we strongly oppose this bill and recent amendment.

This Bill, in our belief, jeopardizes rural farmland and seeks to require approval of residential development in traditional farming areas as an alternative method to circumvent County control of land development and preserve rural land. We urge Senators to vote "NO" on this bill and solicit the Governor's support, should this bill pass, to "Veto" this action.

As Republicans, and citizens of Marion County, a strong principle is "home rule" with respect to zoning / land utilization, and open space preservation. These Bill's seek to undercut this key principle and the "will of the electorate." It is not clear what constituency is served by these overt draft policies to negate Comprehensive Plans and community input at the County level.

Marion County is undergoing explosive growth and with the "growing pains" of increased traffic / school overcrowding with projections of +\$1B in future infrastructure and +\$1B in school capital / maintenance cost projections. This bill, as amended, now puts in jeopardy generational agriculture lands for expansion into residential developments. This Bill weakens preservation of rural lands, seeks to expand urban use well beyond designated urban areas and also seeks to restrict local government control of development related impacts fees. All these aspects diminish the effectiveness of public input.

A couple of selected provisions in this bill we oppose from the most recent amendment (659760):

(1) Restricts local government from enforcing laws and regulations on an agricultural enclave that are more "burdensome" - this is never defined and if there is an existing requirement in law or regulation why is the application of such requirements voided if viewed by the undefined term as "burdensome"

(2) Definition of Agricultural Enclave – this definition is purposely a 2-part requirement that is tied to generational farming > 5-years and to a separated single ownership/

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CEP CHAMBER NEWS

THE FORUM: What's Next at the CEP?

The CEP Network recently sat down with some of the key members of the search committee for the new CEO—Doug Cone, Ken Ausley, Dwayne Carlton, and Charisse Rivers—along with longtime staffer and newly announced Interim CEO, Tamara Fleischhaker. They discussed what the process will look like, how long it will take, and what they're looking for in this new person. One thing's certain: the Ocala CEP is not letting off the gas!

Some of the burning questions included: How was the search different the last time? What kind of person are you looking for this time? What do you think Ocala needs more of in the next 10 years? And more!

PULL QUOTES:

"We're looking for somebody to come into a very successful organization and keep it going."

—Dwayne Carlton: Owner, Ellison Property Management

"We'll make sure that this is a very deliberate process. He or she won't be a Kevin Sheilley clone."

—Doug Cone: Founder & CEO, Cone Distributing

"The CEP is the third largest chamber in the state from a budgetary standpoint. And we have an incredible staff."

—Ken Ausley: CEO, Ausley Construction

"We need a leader who is solution-oriented with a deep understanding of growth, tourism, and workforce development."

—Charisse Rivers: CEO & Founder, Zinnia Wealth Management

"We're better today because we're hyper-focused on innovative ways to attract new business to the community."

—Tamara Fleischhaker: Chief eXperience Officer, Ocala Metro CEP

"When we say we're the voice of the business community, that's not just a slogan on the wall."

—Dean Blinkhorn: Chief Operating Officer, Ocala Metro CEP

Read the full forum at: [OcalaCEP.com/CEPNetwork](https://ocalacep.com/CEPNetwork)

CEP Interim CEO

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CEP moves forward with its strategic initiatives.

"Tamara brings the steady hand and trusted leadership our organization needs during this important transition," said Charisse Rivers, Chair of the CEP Board of Directors. "Having worked closely behind the scenes with our previous CEO, she knows the heart of the CEP and the momentum we've built. Her deep roots in economic development and her calm, capable presence provide the confidence and clarity we need as we move forward. This is a season of continued growth, not pause — and under Tamara's guidance, we remain fully committed to serving the Ocala Metro with strength and purpose."

"I'm honored to step into this role and help guide CEP through this important period of transition," said Tamara Fleischhaker, Interim CEO. "Our mission has never been

more vital, and I'm committed to keeping our team focused, motivated, and aligned with the needs of our partners and stakeholders. Together, we will build on the strong foundation that's already in place and continue forward momentum."

The national search for the CEP's next President & CEO is ongoing, in partnership with Waverly Partners, a respected executive search firm with extensive experience in chamber and economic development leadership.

As the organization moves through this transition, the CEP remains focused on advancing the interests of its partners, stakeholders, and the broader Ocala Metro community. The board and staff are enthusiastic about the continued growth and progress under Tamara Fleischhaker's leadership.

About the Ocala Metro Chamber and Economic Partnership
The Ocala Metro Chamber and Economic Partnership (CEP) was created to be a one-stop hub for the community's business attraction, creation and retention efforts. The CEP's mission is to be the catalyst for a prosperous community. The 2020 ACCE National Chamber of the Year, the CEP has directly impacted the announced creation of more than 14,000+ new jobs and more than \$2.3 billion in capital investment over the last decade.

Chair Chat

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control. Therefore, it mandates "Enclave" certification by a local government if the land was farmed for + 5-years, yet the current owner / controller (an undefined

term) is not tied to that same timing requirement and therefore could be a single owner / controller that has just acquired the land. These requirements should be linked, the current text, as written it essentially "opens" generational farmland to acquisition by developers ("controllers" in the bill) to expand residential developments well beyond current practice.

(3) Impacts Fees – This bill also seeks to restrict local governments control and implementation of impacts fees and increase thereof. It inserts the following language that applies an overarching restriction to impact fee increases, regardless of local condition and circumstances that lead a local government to declare extraordinary circumstances exist.

"A local government may not increase an impact fee rate beyond the phase-in limitations under this paragraph if the local government has not increased the impact fee within the past 7 years."

This text obviates data supporting a local government's action and is also counterinitiative given ~2009 economic downturn and +2019 Covid epidemic that influenced many local governments to "freeze" or even pause impact fees. It also weakens "home rule" and negate the public's input to changes that affect the daily lives / tax burdens of Marion County Florida citizens.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



By TomL

From the Net: Pope Francis, at the age of 88, has passed away, the Vatican confirmed on Monday. The cause of death was a stroke that led to a coma, culminating in an irreversible

cardiocirculatory collapse. The College of Cardinals is expected to convene in the coming weeks at the Vatican to elect his successor. The announcement of the new pope will be symbolized by white smoke billowing from the Sistine Chapel's ceiling.

Who monitors the language used on National Television?

Who monitor the truth and people who tell lies to harm someone else?

The FCC use to monitor these things but some newspapers got to big and powerful to monitor because they could destroy the

monitors. When someone says (Fxxx) him or (Fxxx) her they need to pay a fine or lose their political office.

Our society should not be allowing this kind of behavior! The people using this language are losers! They should be punished. Free speech is one thing but using fowl language is not part of free speech. They need to respect the people running our country and not preach hate!

Big money people (THE LEFT) are paying protesters to sabotage

Automobiles and Dealerships. Soros says he is not paying them. But he is donating money to an organization that has been known to pay people for violence! What is happening is stupid! Trump ask an auditor to audit our government which is what the people have been complaining about for years. I don't know how many times in my life I have heard "The man is stealing our money" I would go to bat for government and say "NOT TRUE!" The

audit shows it is true! Now the auditors are helping show what we we need to work on to help save our country. The left is trying to ruin the country, WHY. They want us to be Communist and not think for ourselves. Be like a flock of sheep. Be the Communist laborers! They make accusations about killing Medicare / Medicaid, the only thing they are doing is looking at people who are on medicare to make sure they deserve it. Especially having many children out of wedlock and the tax payers are paying the hospital bill and for their keep. I have seen first hand people who did not desire assistance and they got it any way. The illegals are benefiting from it! They never paid into it. It belongs to the people not the politicians.

Use to be the FCC monitored the newspapers and activities and their content. When a newspaper mistreats a reader or a local person, there is no one to complain to or to take action! I know many times I was misquoted buy the local daily. I went to the reporter and told him not to quote me if he can't get it right, don't use my name. He came to me the next week and ask "did I misquote you this week?" I said I told you not to use my name ever, he said I did not, I said then your quote was fine!

I was unable to attend the Press Conference the Governor had in Ocala. I received a press release about it the next day. I sent an apology to the Governors team and ask for an email address. I got it! Thank You!

Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

has banned petroleum based food dyes! I wonder if it will reverse the affects of what it caused? NO!

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the former head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, saw his net worth double from approximately \$7.6 million in early 2019 to around \$15 million by the end of 2023.

FOLLOW THE MONEY!

Publishers Newspaper Industry Magazine

By TomL

I have been very blessed to receive a Publishers Newspaper Industry Magazine. Last month each of the Publisher contributors wrote their thoughts about AI. One of the best descriptions I have seen it says...AI is nothing but a tool! So use it as a tool and check the authenticity of what you read and write if it does not look right! Don't ask it to write a story for you! You will lose the local personal authenticity. AI is not a creator but a fact check and aid to help not to creator.

Don't believe everything you read, question everything you read. I watch a man on the street asking questions of protesters and the answer tells you they don't have a clue of what the truth is. They believe what someone told them instead of researching it. They will find out after it is to late. Some say they are being paid to protest. WHY? Follow the money and the political agenda. Soros & Sanders are both Socialist or Communist. They don't want us to have FREEDOM! They want us to do theirselves, their labor

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Rep. Cammack Celebrates Grand Opening of New Ocala District Office Location

OCALA, FL — Yesterday, Rep. Cammack and hundreds of constituents celebrated

the grand opening of the new Ocala District Office located in the McPherson Government Complex at 2630 SE 3rd Street in Ocala.

Joined by special guests Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods, Ocala Police Chief Mike Balken, members of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, and leaders from the Ocala Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP), Congresswoman Cammack and her district staff cut the ribbon for the new facility, which opened earlier in March following the completion of needed renovations.

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Rep. Cammack Leads The Charge & Secures Department of Commerce's

Withdrawal From 2019 Suspension Agreement On Fresh Tomatoes From Mexico

GAINESVILLE, FL — This morning, Congresswoman Kat Cammack issued the following statement about the U.S. Department of Commerce's announcement of its intent to withdraw from the 2019 Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Fresh Tomatoes from Mexico, with termination effective in 90 days.

"This has been a priority of ours for years in Florida," said Rep. Kat Cammack. "For half a decade now, our producers have been subject to an unfair marketplace. In the past five years alone, Mexican tomato producers have violated the suspension agreement over 100 times. The economic impact of these violations has been catastrophic on our domestic tomato producers."

"I've long been a champion of free but fair trade. Since the beginning of 2000 we have dropped from 250 producers to just 25. I'm grateful the Trump administration is working so hard to enforce international U.S. trade laws, and I know our tomato producers in Florida will be relieved to once more have a level playing field. As the only Florida Member on the House Agriculture Committee, I'm proud to work on behalf of our farmers, ranchers, and producers to deliver the support they deserve and keep their industry alive. Food security is national security which is why ensuring our producers are protected from unfair trade practices is critical," Rep. Cammack added.

The Department of Commerce currently maintains 734 antidumping and countervailing duty orders which provide relief to American companies and industries impacted by unfair trade. These duty orders provide American workers with a mechanism to seek relief from harmful unfair pricing of imports.

"A great injustice to our Florida tomato producers has finally been addressed," said Jeb Smith, President of the Florida Farm Bureau. "Thank you to Congresswoman Cammack for heeding the pleas of our

growers and leading the charge. Many thanks to Secretary Lutnick, Secretary Rollins, and others in this administration for acting. For decades our farmers have simply sought strict enforcement of U.S. trade law, including the 2019 Tomato Suspension Agreement. At last, we are witnessing such. With the institution of the antidumping duty order resulting in duties of 20.91 percent on most imports of tomatoes from Mexico, fair trade could be attainable. It is an exciting day for tomato growers in the Sunshine State and the broader produce industry!"

"For decades, unfair foreign trade practices have taken their toll on U.S. growers of fresh fruits and vegetables," said Mike Joyner, president of the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association. "The termination of the 2019 Tomato Suspension Agreement is a positive step toward helping tomato growers compete on a level playing field and ensure American consumers are not forced to rely on foreign sources for fresh fruits and vegetables. We sincerely appreciate the support and efforts of this administration and Congresswoman Cammack for effectively implementing U.S. trade laws and protecting domestic tomato growers."

Rep. Cammack & GOP Women's Caucus Members Send Letter To USA Fencing Leadership In Support of Female Athlete Stephanie Turner

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) and members of the Republican Women's Caucus sent a letter to the leadership of USA Fencing expressing their unwavering support for female athlete Stephanie Turner who made the decision to forfeit her match rather than compete against a biological male opponent in a women's fencing tournament. Following Ms. Turner's principled decision to forfeit the match, she was issued a black card, the most severe penalty available under USA Fencing rules, resulting in her immediate disqualification from the tournament.

"Ms. Turner's stand reflects the deep concerns of countless women and girls across America who seek fairness, safety, and integrity in women's sports—values that we, as a caucus, are committed to upholding," write the lawmakers. "The Republican Women's Caucus was founded to amplify the voices of Republican women in Congress...and ensure women and girls have equal opportunities to thrive. Preserving fair competition in women's athletics is a critical matter that directly impacts the dignity and opportunities of female athletes."

The lawmakers urge USA Fencing to reconsider the disciplinary actions against Ms. Turner and to critically review its transgender athlete policy implemented in 2023.

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Seniors Fishing Derby

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A Lady fell into the pond, several of us got wet. She was in knee deep water. She was later she was observed purposely sliding into the pond for attention. Another time I was watching a guy with a cowboy hat fishing, I heard the women next to him

saying pull. He was blind and the lady next to him told him when his bobber went under. He caught a couple of fish. This a person that never thought he would never fish again and thanks to the City Senior Center he did just that.

Thank you City of Ocala, Parks & Recreation Department & The Senior Center and all the volunteers for making this happen.



Seniors Fishing Derby



FAIRTax



Many people have heard that the IRS is working on updating their systems and modernizing their

software for a more efficient and secure operation. Unfortunately we have been hearing this same refrain year after year and decade after decade. Sam Corcos with DOGE recently stated "We're now 35 years into this program. If you ask them (the IRS) now, it's five years away, and it's been five years away since 1990. It was suppose to be delivered in 1996, and it's still five years away."

Every hard-working American taxpayer should be beyond frustrated and disgusted with such an antiquated, inefficient and broken tax system. What's sad is that the system has become so large and unwieldy that any attempt to make it better ends up being an exercise in futility- like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

According to the National Taxpayers Union Foundation, our income tax system inflicts an almost unimaginable burden on American taxpayers. Americans spend 6.5 billion hours preparing and filing their taxes each year. In addition, they spend over \$414 billion in annual costs. That's over and above their actual tax liability. In 2021, IRS commissioner Charles Rettig noted that we have a \$1 trillion annual tax gap. That's

money owed but not collected thanks to illegal tax evasion.

There are over 80,000 pages of income tax law, income tax code, and income tax law interpretations that every taxpayer is responsible for adhering to. Furthermore, the vast majority of the 20 million or more illegals in our country do not file or pay federal income taxes. The grievances go on and on. But, there is a solution - the FAIRtax.

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It's time to replace the income tax Titanic before it eventually sinks with a more seaworthy vessel - the FAIRtax.

For more information please go to FAIRtax.org

Sunset Songs Series

Kash'd Out: Sunset Songs Series

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Location: Downtown Square, [1 SE Broadway St., Ocala, Florida 34471](#)

Sunset Songs Series

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Headliner: [Kash'd Out](#)

Florida-based Reggae/Rock band Kash'd Out, formed by Greg Shields (lead vocals) and Jackson Hauserman (guitar), quickly grew into a powerhouse with the addition of bassist Joey Brohawn and drummer Marshall Hearne. Signed to LAW Records by Hawaiian favorites Pepper, they released their debut album The Hookup, which climbed the Billboard Reggae Charts after extensive touring with Pepper and Less Than Jake. Known for their energetic performances, Kash'd Out has supported major acts like Collie Buddz, Iration, and The Expendables and

performed at top festivals including Reggae Rise Up and California Roots. Their latest album, Butter, showcases their evolving sound while staying true to their unique style.

Opener: [Beach Fly](#)

Beach Fly is the feel-good musical project led by John DeMari. He got his start interviewing some of his favorite artists like Slightly Stoopid, Pepper, and Iration on the 2 Minute Podcast. Beach Fly's homegrown, organic sound draws influences from bands in the modern reggae scene like Slightly Stoopid and Rebelution, as well as favorites like Jack Johnson, Xavier Rudd, and Surfaces. Beach Fly is out to transport you to a tropical coastline with the best vibes!

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How can you help?

Pet Food Bank: Help stock our Pet Food Bank with pet food and supplies for people who cannot afford them due to job loss or other reasons. You can also bring donations to our Shelter daily from 10-6. Masks required please! If you need help keeping your pet with you during this time, our Happy Paws food program is here for you.

Volunteer: A small number of volunteers have returned to help in various departments. We are accepting volunteer applications but do not yet know when we will schedule orientations for new volunteers. Please contact us for more information about volunteering. We are currently working on a digital orientation.

Opt to adopt: According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs can spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

Donate: We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now but homeless and unwanted animals still need us. Donate to help the Humane Society of Marion County so we continue our lifesaving work and make them feel safe and loved.



Bilbie

Bilbie is a 14 weeks old male brought to the HSMC with her brother Wombat! We believe they could be Xoloitzcuintli, or Xolo, which is Mexican hairless dog breed.



Fuchsia is a 15 week old paralyzed kitten full of love.



Ninja is paralyzed in his hind legs but enjoys runs with his wheels.

Your donations make it possible to provide medical care, food and shelter to animals in need. On behalf of all the animals, thank you for caring.



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FROM THE DESK OF ATTORNEY GENERAL UTHMEIER



Attorney General James Uthmeier Fights to Protect Children Online; Subpoenas Roblox for Child-Protection Policies and Procedures

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Attorney General James Uthmeier issued a subpoena to Roblox, a popular online gaming platform, demanding information about how the platform markets to children, sets age-verification requirements, and moderates chat rooms.

"As a father and Attorney General, children's safety and protection are a top priority," said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. "There are concerning reports that this gaming platform, which is popular among children, is exposing them to harmful content and bad actors. We are issuing a subpoena to Roblox to uncover how this platform is marketing to children and to see what policies they are implementing—if any—to avoid interactions with predators."

There are numerous concerning reports about children being exposed to graphic or harmful material on the gaming platform, as well as predatory adults being able to message minors on the app freely. The Attorney General's subpoena also demands Roblox to hand over documents related to the platform's collection and processing of children's data.

Roblox features millions of games and

interactive environments. The platform develops some of the content, but much of the content is created by users. In 2024, Roblox had more than 85 million daily active users, an estimated 40% of whom being under the age of 13.

Attorney General Uthmeier is demanding Roblox to produce information including:

- Documents sufficient to show the amount of time spent on the platform broken down by age for all users 16 years of age or younger;

- Examples of all marketing materials that relate to the platform's suitability for children;

- Documents relating to the marketing of the platform to young customers or youngest demographic—including but not limited to the use of promotions and giveaways, social media platforms, celebrities, social media influencers, and cartoon images. This specification includes all internal documents, including marketing plans and use of social networks;

- Documents reflecting the steps Roblox take to ensure children are not exposed to mature content on the platform;

- Communications to or from a Florida user reporting abuse to Roblox;

- Communications to or from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children relating to Florida users;

- Communications relating to parental controls being circumvented by children using the platform;

- Documents sufficient to describe chat and game moderation capabilities;

- Documents sufficient to show the age verification procedures used relating to child users creating accounts on Roblox and any audits thereof;

- Documents sufficient to identify employees who have been responsible for creating and enforcing age verification protocols; and

- Documents relating to any criminal prosecution of which the platform is aware, arising or alleged to have arisen from children's contact with chat room users.

Attorney General James Uthmeier is Fighting to Bring Clean, Reliable Nuclear Power to Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Attorney General James Uthmeier announced a major legal challenge against the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), accusing the federal agency of illegally blocking the development of advanced nuclear technologies—technologies that could revolutionize energy production in America.

"For decades, Washington has made promises about nuclear energy—but then throws up roadblocks when real innovation comes along," said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. "Florida is done waiting. We're taking action to unleash the full potential of safe nuclear technology, strengthen our energy independence, and secure cleaner water and air in our state."

With its rapidly growing population and increasing electricity demand, Florida faces significant challenges in meeting the energy

needs of its residents. Last year, Governor DeSantis signed HB 1645, which directs the Public Service Commission to study the feasibility of using advanced nuclear technologies, including small modular reactors (SMRs), to meet the state's power needs.

However, the NRC's interpretation of its licensing authority over SMRs has created long delays, staggering costs, and hindered Florida's ability to develop nuclear power to meet its growing energy needs. The regulatory roadblock not only impedes the state's energy goals but also affects Florida's ability to exercise its lawful authority to regulate and license these technologies safely and efficiently.

The complaint argues that the NRC's refusal to modernize its regulatory framework is unlawful and harms states' efforts to meet surging energy demand with clean alternatives. Florida and its partner states are asking the court to vacate the NRC's illegal actions and require the agency to adopt reasonable standards that reflect current science and safety advances.

Advanced reactors, including SMRs, are already being explored in Florida and other states for use in industrial settings, rural communities, and areas with fragile electric grids. These technologies offer safer designs, faster construction, lower costs, and reduced environmental risks compared to traditional nuclear plants.

By taking legal action, Florida is standing up for innovation, energy reliability, and the American people, ensuring that the state can explore all avenues to meet its energy needs.

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Governor Ron DeSantis Awards Bonuses to Law Enforcement Recruits, Reaching 7,800 Total

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that Florida has awarded more than 7,800 recruitment bonuses to new law enforcement officers through the Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program. The latest round of bonuses went to officers serving in Marion County, while an additional 660 bonuses have recently been distributed to recruits across the state.

Launched in 2022, this first-of-its-kind initiative underscores Florida's nation-leading commitment to supporting law enforcement. The program provides a one-time \$5,000 bonus—after taxes—to newly employed officers as a show of appreciation and incentive for choosing to serve in Florida.

“When other states were defunding their police, demonizing law enforcement, and kneecapping their criminal justice system, we rewarded our law enforcement for their service,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “I was proud to be in Marion County to award recruitment bonus checks to Florida's newest law enforcement officers and thank them for their commitment to protecting our communities.”

To date, more than 1,700 law enforcement officers from 49 other states and two territories have relocated to Florida, with more than 500 coming from anti-police states like California, Illinois, and New

York. Each of the 7,800 newly recruited officers has received a \$5,000 bonus after taxes, with the program distributing more than \$53 million to date.

“Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Florida has led the nation in recruiting law enforcement officials and implementing strong immigration policies,” said Florida Secretary of Commerce J. Alex Kelly. “We remain committed to strengthening the resources available to law enforcement and helping in their mission to set the standard for combating illegal immigration.”

In addition to a \$5,000 recruitment bonus, benefits of becoming a Florida law enforcement officer include financial stability, upward mobility, excellent health and retirement benefits, student loan forgiveness programs, home loan programs, and more.

Governor DeSantis Advocates for Law Enforcement

FT. MYERS, Fla. — Governor Ron DeSantis joined Florida Highway and Safety Motor Vehicles Executive Director Dave Kerner to advocate for critical pay raises and funding for Florida State Troopers and other state law enforcement.

“In my Focus on Fiscal Responsibility proposed budget, I advocate for a 20% pay raise for state entry-level officers and 25% pay raise for veteran officers and all state firefighters,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “The Florida House is blocking these raises, and other critical resources for law enforcement. We must support and equip law enforcement to be successful in defending our communities.”

Earlier this year, [Governor Ron DeSantis announced his](#)

[recommendation for massive pay increases for state law enforcement officers and firefighters](#) in his Fiscal Responsibility Budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

The Governor's Fiscal Responsibility Budget recommends \$118.3 million in pay increases for more than 4,700 state sworn law enforcement officers and more than 730 state firefighters:

- 20% pay increase for state entry level sworn law enforcement officers.
- 25% pay increase for veteran sworn law enforcement officers and all state firefighters.

These pay increases would build on the support already delivered to support law enforcement and first responders. As a result of these initiatives, Florida continues to have record-low crime rates; continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family; and remains the friendliest state in the country for first responders.

More on Focus on Fiscal Responsibility Budget [here](#).

The currently proposed state budget from the Florida House fails to follow Governor Ron DeSantis' recommendations. Instead, it:

- Defunds ballistic armor;
- Fails to replace law enforcement vehicles with over 100,000 miles;
- Fails to fund replacement for in-car cameras;
- Defunds raises for law enforcement officers;
- Cuts 84 current state trooper positions; and
- Cuts 73 current state law enforcement dispatcher positions.

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Early Completion of Congestion Relief Lanes on I-4

More than 6 miles of added lanes on I-4 will be completed 8 months ahead of schedule
KISSIMMEE, Fla.— Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced early completion of the congestion relief lanes through one of the busiest sections of Interstate 4 (I-4), delivering on a promise he made last June to open the lanes by the end of 2025. Not only has this commitment been met, but it has been exceeded with these lanes being ready for use eight months ahead of schedule. The new lanes, one additional lane in each direction of I-4 from U.S. 27 in Polk County to World Drive in Osceola County, will be open for use beginning the week of April 28.

“We launched the Moving Florida Forward initiative to accelerate major transportation projects that reduce congestion and improve connectivity,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “With nearly 700 projects underway and \$75 billion in infrastructure investment since 2019, we're delivering real results for Floridians and keeping Florida moving.”

Governor DeSantis directed FDOT to deliver immediate congestion relief along I-4. In response, FDOT used an innovative construction approach to open new lanes early—eight months ahead of schedule—improving travel times without waiting for full project completion. These lanes will remain open through all future construction.

To deliver quickly, FDOT launched the Moving I-4 Forward program and introduced a new Modified Phased Design-Build method, accelerating construction through collaboration and innovation. The dedicated I-4 team and its Design-Build partner are working at record speed to complete improvements well ahead of schedule.

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The Mechanics of the Tap and Glue Scam

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Once a customer taps their card and withdraws cash, they often forget to log out of their account. This leaves the session open, allowing the scammer to step in and continue withdrawing funds. The scam relies on the victim's unfamiliarity with tap-to-pay procedures, making it a lucrative tactic for fraudsters.

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Education

By TomL

You ask yourself...

Do I want to go to college?

Do I just want a High School education and go out into the world and get a job? Or just get out of the house. Some times working a job is how you find out what your skills are!

Do you want to learn a trade?

First there are college preparatory courses you need to have. This is where you lose students Algebra? Trigonometry? Science? and what ever the guidance councilor suggest!

Business Courses If you want to go into Business or study Business you will need some Business Courses to work for big business. Hopefully your High School will offer it. Book Keeping / Accounting (Simple math) By High School your should be good at reading, comprehending is important. If you are weak reader get a Tudor.

High School is important to get a job and learn in school discipline daily chores doing homework. Reading is probably the most important. Reading instructions, reading how things are made, how to make things. Simple math is second most important. We need to eliminate the course that some kids can't learn and will never use. Make sure there is music / band / gymnastics / track and plenty of exercise! Encourage working a job after school. Don't teach subjects that a working man or woman will probably never use in their jobs. Don't make them sign up to fail! They need reading, writing and simple math.

Trade school should be part of regular school courses. Math first / reading second then the student can choose their trade class,

welding / electrician / air conditioning / Auto Mechanics / FFA / , etc. These courses are as important or more important than most. It's all about life!

I can give you lots of people making big money that plan and apply themselves. Just go all in with anything you do! Your skills will show themselves.

To Donald Trump

To Donald J. Trump President of the United States

Hi President Trump I am Thomas N. Loury

I was raised as a Democrat in South Florida but Obama help me change my mind. Now I live near Rainbow Springs Fl a small country town called Dunnellon Florida. We live on a small farm. I have 4 digital newspaper that I put out monthly. I use to print and deliver all of them but COVID fixed that.

I endorsed you the day you came down the stair case and announced you were running for President. I recognized it would take a special person to win against the organized crime we had running our country. Even the good guys were bad. So it would take a tuff / and a little bad ass mixed in. I think you are Smart as hell! A person that could stand against all odds. You had a family that stood with you! I respect them all.

You won the election, but you had much to

learn, like how powerful the bad guys were and how many there were and how high up in office they were. As it turns out they were all snakes. They slowed you at almost every turn. Still you were a success.

They stole the election from you and your vice president would not follow your lead. He excepted defeat to quick. You learned again who you could depend on.

Next election was different you surrounded yourself with smart strong family members and legal minds. This time you won the hearts of the American people.

I think Tariffs and FairTax is a perfect combination. We charge them what they charge us is perfect.

The FUND RAISING should slow. The average working person is all tapped out. We are getting hit by every charity local, state and federal.

As one of your followers I ask you to stop telling Governors or Mayors comply or else. That does not have a good look "do it in private not on National TV"

I agree with transporting the criminals out of the country, I agree with the death penalty. I recently received a text from you that said..."I have sent you a black flag with your name on it!" That hurt me something terrible!

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