

# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JIMMY PATRONIS' RUNDOWN

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## Floridians,

In recognition of July as Military Consumer Protection Month, I'm highlighting [tips to help protect Florida's 1.5 million veterans](#) and more than 95,000 active and reserve members from fraud. Currently, Florida ranks second in fraud and identity theft reports nationwide, and members of the military are often targets of specific scams and fraud tactics.

Florida has the third largest population of veterans in the nation and research has shown that veterans are twice as likely to be targeted for scams. As your CFO, I'm committed to helping our heroes and their families safeguard their finances. I encourage all veterans and military members to utilize these consumer protection tips and always stay on guard by consistently monitoring your credit report and reporting signs of fraud immediately at [FraudFreeFlorida.com](#).



On Monday, I sent a [letter](#) to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to formally request them to investigate Twitter in regards to the recent hacking and partner with federal agencies to assess the state's risk-level from the security breach. Yesterday, I followed-up on that letter to FDLE and sent a [letter](#) to Jack Dorsey, co-founder and CEO of Twitter, to request him to provide a briefing to FDLE on the investigation into the hacks.

Last Friday, I was glad to [highlight](#) that Florida's unemployment rate dropped from 13.7 percent in May to 10.4 percent in June. This is the kind of good news we need to hear as our state and nation continue dealing with this global pandemic. No doubt, the success of our state is tied to a good economy. Florida business owners and workers are how we fund our schools, our hospitals and provide for any other number of critical government services. It's also how families put food on the table. Each and every day I'll

keep rooting for Florida businesses who are working their tails off to succeed and hopefully get back to normal.

Finally, as Floridians are focusing their attention on COVID-19, it remains critically important that we also remember to make the necessary precautions for hurricane season. With multiple named storms already this year, severe weather does not care that we are responding to a pandemic and we must prepare now before for the next storm takes aim at Florida. Visit [PrepareFL.com](https://www.preparefl.com) now for hurricane and disaster related information and resources to help you before, during, and after a storm.

Sincerely,



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