

## Floridians,

This week, I have been busy traveling around South and Southwest Florida as I hosted two "Supporting Our Health Care Heroes" events in <u>Fort Myers</u> and <u>Miramar</u> to advocate for vital COVID-19 liability protections for Florida's health care workers and long-term care personnel. I was joined by state leaders, lawmakers, and representative from the Florida Health Care Association, Florida Hospital Association, Florida Medical Association and Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida.



Since the pandemic began, our state's health care and long-term care personnel have been on the frontlines, fighting to protect Floridians, especially our state's most vulnerable population – our seniors. I was proud to honor the hard work and heroic efforts of our frontline health care professionals including the doctors, nurses and medical staff that have been on the forefront of this pandemic for nearly a year now. My top priority this legislative session will be to encourage Legislators to pass meaningful liability protections that includes our health care and long-term care communities, and I look forward to working with members on this critical issue.

On Wednesday, I had the privilege to join North Collier Fire Rescue District as they announced that they are the first fire agency in the State of Florida to use the The FIRST program, which includes remote monitoring and defibrillator technology, will be an invaluable tool for the men and women of the North Collier Fire Rescue District as it allows for the real-time transmission of on-scene clinical data, which saves time and can save lives. Florida's fire service community put their lives on the line each day to serve our state, and as State Fire Marshal, I am committed to providing our firefighters with resources, support and training so they can provide exceptional care when Floridians need it most.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Jimmy Patronis Chief Financial Officer State of Florida Stay
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Glad to join <u>@NCFRPio</u> in Naples as they launch the FIRST program, a remote monitoring & defibrillator technology which saves firefighters time and in turnsaves lives. Thanks to Chief Ricardo, <u>@RepMikeGrant</u>, <u>@LaurenMeloFL</u> for supporting innovation to protect Floridians #flapol



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