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Floridians,

From the early morning hours of June 24, first responders were on the scene of the Surfside condo collapse and I have been moved by their courage and professionalism. More than 800 members from state and federal task forces were a part of this mission. These men and women worked in awful conditions and I am proud to recognize their extraordinary efforts.



On Thursday, I [issued](#) a letter to Ben & Jerry's and its parent company, Unilever, PLC following Ben & Jerry's July 19th announcement that they plan to cut ties with Israel because the free and democratic nation is "inconsistent with our values." In the letter, I requested Ben & Jerry's share its plans to "remain in Israel through a different arrangement" as noted in the July 19 announcement. If my office does not receive a response, I will exercise my authority by working with Florida's SBA to place Ben & Jerry's on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List.

On Wednesday, I [highlighted](#) that more than \$13 million in funding was awarded for local fire service projects with the signing of Governor DeSantis' Florida Leads budget. Since taking office, Governor DeSantis has made investing in our first responders a top priority, and this funding is more important than ever following the recent tragedy at Surfside. I applaud Governor DeSantis and the Legislature for providing this critical funding for local fire service projects, which will allow for needed improvements such as new fire service vehicles, engine replacements, station renovations and firefighter cancer research. These heroes are on call on holidays, birthdays and anniversaries to ensure the safety of our communities. As State Fire Marshal, I will continue to work to ensure our firefighters have the tools and resources they need to protect Florida families and businesses.

Lastly, on Monday, I [announced](#) more than \$349 million in unclaimed property was returned to Floridians during the 2020-21 fiscal year, which is \$21 million more than the 2019-20 fiscal year. I am also proud to share that in the month of June, we returned more than \$23 million in unclaimed property back to the pockets of Floridians. There's a good chance that we're currently holding unclaimed funds for you or a loved one, as an estimated one in five Floridians has money just waiting to be claimed. I encourage all Floridians to search now at [FLTreasureHunt.gov](https://www.fltreasurehunt.gov).

Sincerely,


Jimmy Patronis

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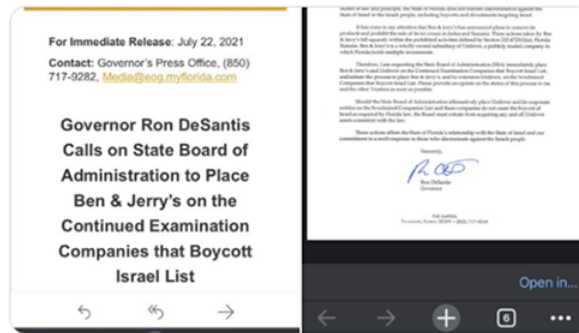


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I fully support @GovRonDeSantis's actions in supporting Israel and upholding Florida law. @benandjerry's can virtue signal all they want - but Florida's not going to do business with anyone that's boycotting Israel.



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