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Floridians,

This week, the Florida House of Representatives passed [House Bill 7](#), one of my top legislative priorities this year, which provides liability protections for COVID-19 to businesses to allow them to operate without the fear of frivolous litigation.

For nearly a year now, I've been hearing from local businesses and employees statewide on their fight to keep their doors open and provide for their families. This is a huge win for Florida and our businesses who are working every day to follow safety guidelines and do right by their customers and employees. I applaud the Florida House for moving this important legislation forward and I thank Speaker Chris Sprowls and Representative Lawrence McClure for their hard work on this critical issue.



On Tuesday, during Consumer Protection Week, I announced my fight for vital [consumer protections](#) for the 2021 Legislative Session. As your CFO, I've fought every year to protect Florida consumers — this year is no different.

Our 2021 Consumer Protection Legislative Package, sponsored by Senator Joe Gruters and Representative Chuck Clemons, aims to ensure Florida families are better informed on their rights as consumers, protects them from being nicked and dimed by unnecessary fees, and aids in our fraud fighting efforts to shield Floridians from costly fraud and scams. As our state works to bounce back from the economic challenges related to the pandemic, it's vital that we work together to support and protect consumers to ensure our economy can fully rebound.

Lastly, I was honored to speak at the Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s (EFI) March **board meeting** to board members and stakeholders. No doubt, 2020 was a very difficult year. Florida weathered it better than any other state and I truly believe that is due to the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis. While other states have locked down their businesses and stifled their economy, Florida has worked to safely remain open and it's paid off. With the vaccine now being distributed to our seniors and vulnerable populations, it's a light at the end of a very dark tunnel.

The fact is, Florida is for Winners and I am so proud to live and work in the Sunshine State.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Sincerely,



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