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I would like to begin the last newsletter of 2022 by thanking Senate President Kathleen Passidomo for the honor of naming me Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. I look forward to working on preserving and protecting the natural resources of our great state.

Earlier this month the Florida legislature convened in Special Session to address the dire need for Property Insurance reform and bring vital relief to Floridians affected by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole.

- **SB 2A** addressed the Property Insurance Marketplace.
- **SB 4A** addressed relief, recovery, and rebuilding.
- **SB 6A** addressed tolls for Florida commuters.

My family and I would like to wish everyone a beautiful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and health. May 2023 bring lots of prosperity and great memories.

Sincerely,
Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez

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Committee Assignments

2022-2024

- Environment & Natural Resources, Chair
- Finance and Tax, Vice Chair
- Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
- Commerce and Tourism
- Fiscal Policy
- Governmental Oversight & Accountability
- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- Rules



Special Session 2022A



Senate Bill 2A: Improving the Property Insurance Marketplace for Homeowners

- Timely communications, investigations and payments of valid claims from insurers.
- New optional state reinsurance program in anticipation of shortages.
- One-way attorney fees eliminated to allow for both parties to obtain fees in judgment process.
- Fortifies the Office of Insurance Regulation's regulatory authority over property insurers.



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Senate Bill 4A: Recovering and Rebuilding from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole

- Provides property tax refunds for the portion of the year that homes were uninhabitable due to hurricane damage from Hurricanes Ian or Nicole.
- \$150 million for affordable housing hurricane recovery efforts.
- \$60 million to assist with the repair or replacement of housing, relocation costs, limited-time rental assistance, and other recovery needs, of which \$25 million may be used to provide assistance to homeowners to pay insurance deductibles.



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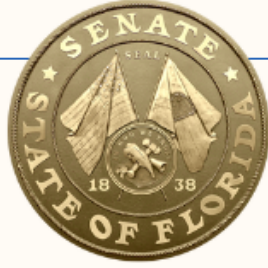


Senate Bill 4A: Recovering and Rebuilding from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole

- Bill appropriates funding through the Department of Environmental Protection for beaches and essential water infrastructure impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole.
- Bill creates the Florida Emergency Management Assistance Foundation, a Direct Support Organization (DSO) of the Division of Emergency Management (DEM).
- Additionally, to help local governments secure FEMA grants, \$350 million is appropriated to the DEM to pay local match requirements.

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Senate Bill 6A: Toll Savings for Florida's Families

- Bill appropriates \$500 million for a statewide toll relief program for frequent commuters, beginning on January 1, 2023, through end of the year.
- Customers using a two-axle vehicle with a Florida-issued transponder who use Florida's Turnpike System and all other toll facilities in the state are eligible.
- Customers who engage in 35 or more toll transactions in a month will receive a 50% credit.



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By invitation of Dominic Calabro, I had the pleasure of speaking to the Florida Tax Watch about the future of Affordable Housing in Florida. I received excellent feedback from the audience that will definitely serve my team and I this upcoming legislative session.



Honored to have been recognized and placed on the 2022 Honor Roll by the Florida Chamber of Commerce. Looking forward to continuing the great work we do together this upcoming legislative session.



Grateful to Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis for hosting the Florida Legislature for a Holiday Reception at the Governor's Mansion. Enjoyed spending time with my Miami-Dade Delegation colleagues as well as Lt. Governor Nuñez.

Enjoyed the Carricarte Christmas Party at Ocean Reef with friends, family, and colleagues.





Learned about the mining industry with members of the Miami-Dade Delegation at White Rock Quarry.



Fascinating to see how their work relates to the aggregate supply for the State of Florida.

Celebrated and welcomed the holiday season with my colleagues from the Miami Realtors at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino earlier this month.



Team AMR - Out In The District



Victor Lopez from my team joined Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin to present a legislative appropriation to the Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services.



District Events



We're closed!

My office will be closed
December 23rd - December
26th, 2022 in celebration of
Christmas.



Regular office hours will resume
December 27th, 2022.





WE ARE CLOSED

MY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN
CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YEAR
FROM DECEMBER 30TH, 2022
THROUGH JANUARY 2ND, 2023.
WE WILL REOPEN ON JANUARY
3RD, 2023 IN MIAMI AND IN
TALLAHASSEE.



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