



As Week Six of the 2020 Legislative Session comes to a close, my staff and I are ready to keep **fighting** to secure a strong finish for District 8 during these final three weeks. I can't thank you enough for staying engaged throughout the session process. As we enter the home stretch, I'd love to keep hearing your questions, concerns, and support.

Here's a look at what's been happening up in Florida's capitol:

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## It's Great to be a Florida Gator!



University of Florida Head Football Coach Dan Mullen made the trip up to Tallahassee to celebrate the capitol's annual Gator Day! Our district is home to our state's top public university, and I am honored to help support the academic and athletic dominance of Gator Nation. The only thing cooler than Coach Mullen's shoes was having my wife and daughter join our Gator Day festivities!



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## Back-to-School Tax Holiday

**SALES TAX HOLIDAYS**

- ▶ **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY**  
Senate Bill 524 by Senator Joe Gruters establishes an 18-day sales tax holiday beginning May 29, 2020 for disaster supplies.
- ▶ **BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY**  
Senate Bill 542 by Senator Keith Perry creates a 10-day back-to-school sales tax holiday beginning July 31, 2020.

This year I am pushing for another Back-to-School Tax Holiday that will help keep money in the pockets of hardworking Floridians. Last year, this tax holiday saved Florida families more than \$36 million as they stocked up on supplies to prepare for the upcoming school year.

The 10-day tax holiday will include clothing and accessories up to \$60, school supplies up to \$15, and personal computers up to \$1,000.

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## Bringing High-Speed Internet to Rural Communities



My friend Senator Ben Albritton is championing Senate Bill 1166 *Broadband Internet Service* that aims to bring reliable broadband internet connectivity to rural areas throughout Florida.

Delivering high-speed internet to Florida's Heartland will help enhance public safety, revitalize rural communities, improve regional connectivity, boost business and educational opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for Floridians throughout the state. This legislation will also help ensure that broadband internet is available in rural areas so first responders can quickly and accurately reach Floridians in need.

## Protecting our Senior Citizens



Senate Majority Leader Kathleen Passidomo is running SB 994 *Guardianship* to help protect Florida's senior residents who can no longer care for themselves. This bill reforms our state's guardianship program by adding additional factors for a court to consider when appointing a guardian.

It revises the requirements for a petition for the appointment of a guardian, prohibits a guardian from signing or consenting to a Do Not Resuscitate order, and prevents them from taking other serious actions on behalf of a ward without court approval. The Florida Senate is committed to putting an end to elderly abuse.

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## Legislative Session

The 2020 Legislative Session is in full swing, and you can stay up-to-date with my bills and committee meetings by visiting my [senate web page](#).

You can also watch all Florida Senate and House committee meetings live on [The Florida Channel](#).



I'm looking forward to serving another year on the following senate committees:

- Criminal Justice, Chair
- infrastructure & Security, Vice Chair
- Banking & Insurance
- Education
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

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It's an honor to represent you in the Florida Senate. Thank you for your continued support, input and patience as we work together to make lasting impacts in our community. I'm eager to advocate for District 8 during the upcoming Legislative Session!

Sincerely,

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