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News

Freedom Week Sales Tax Holiday

The 2021 Freedom Week Sales Tax Holiday begins **Thursday, July 1** and **extends through Wednesday, July 7**. Consumers can purchase qualifying recreation and outdoor items and admissions to entertainment and cultural events exempt from tax.

FREEDOM WEEK SALES TAX-FREE HOLIDAY
Senator Annette Taddeo JULY 1 - 7

Fishing Supplies	Boating/ Water Supplies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">First \$5* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individually sold bait or fishing tackle(\$10 if sold as a set)First \$30* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tackle boxes or bagsFirst \$75* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individually sold rods & reels(first \$150 if sold as a set)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First \$25* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Snorkels, Goggles, Swimming masksFirst \$50* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safety flaresFirst \$75* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Life jackets, Coolers, Paddles, OarsFirst \$150* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water skis, Wakeboards, Kneeboards, Recreational inflatable water tubes or towable floatsFirst \$300* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Paddleboards, SurfboardsFirst \$500* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Canoes, Kayaks
Camping Supplies	Admissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">First \$30* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Camping lanterns, FlashlightsFirst \$50* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sleeping bags, Portable hammocks, Camping stoves, Collapsible camping chairsFirst \$200* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Private & membership clubs with physical fitness facilities?Other: **+Musical theatre performances, ***+Live music events, ***Live sporting events, ***Movies, +Museum entry, +State park entry, ***Festivals, ***Cultural events, ***Ballets, ***Plays, ***Fairs
Outdoor Supplies	Sports Equipment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">First \$15* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sunscreen, Insect repellentFirst \$30* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water bottlesFirst \$50* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hydration packs, Bicycle helmetsFirst \$100* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">SunglassesFirst \$200* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">BinoscopesFirst \$250* of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Outdoor gas or charcoal grills, Bicycles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$40 or less individual & team sports items (not including clothing or footwear)

*of the sales price



Welcoming all these new faces to Team Taddeo!! This summer we're proud to work with eight college students from a variety of universities! Our fellows are currently assisting in community relations, policy work & communications.



This Week in South Florida

Senator Annette Taddeo joined TWISF host [Michael Putney on Channel 10](#) to discuss the governor's signing of Senate Bill 76, which in her words, “is literally going to raise the rates” for Citizens customers. The bottom line: property owners in Florida insured by citizens are likely to pay higher rates.

Senate Democrats protest Ron DeSantis' Mexico border deployment

As gun-related crime rises in Florida, the Florida Senate Democrats called on Governor Ron DeSantis to halt shipping



state's law enforcement officers to the Mexico border. "Florida kids are dying in the streets, and it is not at the hands of immigrants crossing the border."

Legislation

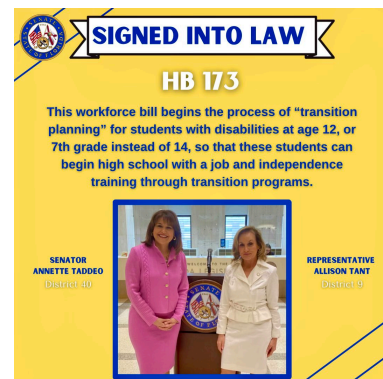


Senate Bill 714 is now signed into law!!

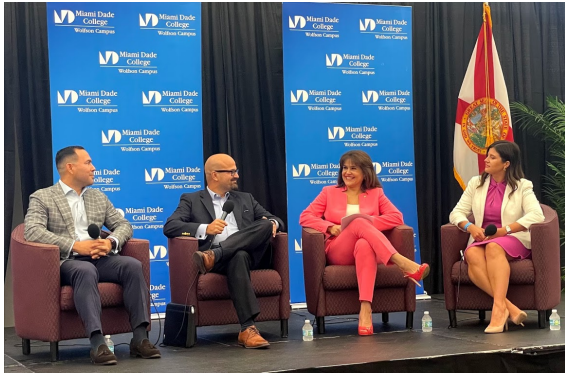
The current generation of people with disabilities is the first to outlive their parents. This new law will help families understand what they need to do to help their loved ones become as independent as possible as well as plan for the eventuality when a caregiver is no longer present. Honored to have carried this bill with Rep Alison Tant in the House.

House Bill 173 is now signed into law!!

Senator Annette Taddeo carried this workforce bill through the Senate in partnership with Representative Allison Tant of the House, whose son has a job due to his school's transition program. This new law will truly be life changing.



2021 Legislative Wrap-Up!



Alongside Representatives Nicholas X. Duran, Tom Fabricio and Demi Busatta Cabrera, Senator Taddeo took a deep dive into this past legislative session at a panel hosted by the Miami Chamber of Commerce. Here she discussed vaccine passports, affordable housing, climate change and more.

Events



Pathway to citizenship for TPS holders

Joined by former Congressman Luis Gutierrez, Florida Rising, Florida Immigrant Coalition, Venezolanos Perseguidos Políticos en el Exilio and Project Pulso we asserted that this is not a partisan issue, it's a humanitarian one. We called on Senators Rick Scott and Marco Rubio to support the Secure Act, which will extend protections for TPS holders.



Stand Up Against Hate Rally

Hate of any kind will not be tolerated. This past year we have seen a rise in hate across the board against marginalized communities. This month we stood together to stand up against anti-semitism at a rally hosted by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation at the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach. As a Jewish woman these abhorrent attacks have been heart wrenching and we can't allow them to continue.



Gun Violence Awareness Day

We don't just wear orange for Gun Violence Awareness, we get together as a community to make it known that we will be the change. This month we held a Rally against Gun Violence at Ghoulds Park hosted by Moms Demand, EveryTown, Miami GVP, and Romania Dukes of Mothers Fighting for Justice where Senator Taddeo presented an official Proclamation from the Florida Senate to declare June 4th as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the state of Florida.

Continuing our fight for water conservation!

I had the incredible opportunity to meet with real life mermaid, Michelle Colson to discuss my water conservation bill SB 652 for an upcoming documentary by *ARD Washington*. So excited for it to come out!



Celebrating Juneteenth!

This year the historical importance of Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery, was acknowledged by both the Nation, thanks to our U.S. Congress and President Biden, as well as in Miami Dade County. It's past time for the state of Florida to get on board! Alongside Representative Kevin Chambliss at Second Baptist Church Miami we joined with the community to emphasize why we must celebrate, liberate & agitate. Truth is power!

Business of the Month

Congratulations to our Senate District 40 JULY Business of the Month, Awesome Embroidery. Join us for this recognition by placing an order today! Follow them on social media. **Nominate** your favorite SD 40 Small Business!



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Unemployment Update

On **June 26th**, the DEO **stopped participating in providing the \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation** benefits in addition to Reemployment Assistance weekly benefits. [Read more](#). If you require assistance with your unemployment claim please do not hesitate to reach out to our office via email at Taddeo.Annette.Web@FLsenate.gov.

COVID-19 Resources



Every week **food distributions** are organized in Miami-Dade hosted by [Feeding South Florida](#) and [Farm Share](#). Please [click here](#) for weekly events as well as an up to date

calendar. **During this Coronavirus crisis many organizations are coming together to support our community.**

CORONAVIRUS TESTING

Miami-Dade provides a list of testing sites [online here](#), including **mobile testing, walk-up and drive-thru**. Getting tested is key to receiving early treatment and preventing the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 PLASMA DONATION

If you have recovered from coronavirus, antibodies in your plasma can provide lifesaving support to those still fighting the illness. [Learn more about how to become a blood donor.](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine

ALL individuals 12+ are eligible, [click here for details](#). Please visit miamidade.gov/vaccine for all vaccine updates.

Uber and Lyft launch vaccine rides program in White House partnership until July 4th. In addition, Uber is now part of the Miami-Dade [pre-registration process](#), so residents with limited transportation options can [sign up](#) for both doses and a ride to the vaccination site at the same time.

Financial Assistance



Child Tax Credit

On July 15th, nearly all working families will start seeing \$250 to \$300 per child automatically deposited in their bank accounts or sent to their mailboxes. [Learn more.](#)

Small Business Assistance

The American Rescue Plan helps small businesses by increasing funding to pandemic relief programs like the Paycheck Protection Program. Learn more and apply: <https://sba.gov/relief>



www.miamidade.gov/covidhelp

**MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY**

Miami-Dade County's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is providing COVID-19 crisis assistance to qualified residents who are experiencing a hardship in paying their home energy bill due to the pandemic. Eligible households can receive up to \$2,000 within a 12-month period. [Click here.](#)

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