



Dear Legislators representing Lee County,

After our state and nation experienced such a difficult year, we've learned just how important it is

- To have **access to affordable healthcare**. Now, more than ever, Florida needs to expand its Medicaid program.
- To **support voting rights**. Last year's legislation to restrict voting rights in Florida – after a 2020 election that was lauded for being so well managed – is a major step backwards. Democracy is too important to add limitations to the process of voting. Voting is our right as citizens.
- To **fix the unemployment compensation process** in Florida. Too many individuals faced daunting problems with getting even the underfunded compensation that Florida offered.
- To provide **access to a wide range of reproductive healthcare freedoms** for families. A state that funds fake pregnancy clinics yet tries over and over to limit access to legal abortion is only working for part of its citizens.
- To **stop the attacks and criticism of transgender youth**. This group faces ongoing bullying on so many fronts. The Legislature should not be contributing to their problems.
- To **stop limiting what is taught in history classes**. Our nation and state have a checkered history filled with honorable and deplorable actions. To suppress the negative sends the wrong message to our students.

You represent all Floridians, not just the people who voted for you.

- When you refuse to **allow bills to be heard in committee**, you limit the choices for solutions. Why is it so threatening to consider different ideas? We challenge you to engage in real discussion. *Party over all* is a lousy way to operate.

- When are you going to schedule **public hearings on redistricting** like you have in past years? Citizens want more chances to express themselves on this important action.
- Why are you meeting in August before many bills are even filed? Rest assured that we will be back in communication with you as the bills are filed.

Thank you for listening today. We need you to make wise decisions on the many issues that we face.

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