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Legislative Session Week Three
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**The Sachs
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***Week Three: A Successful
Week at the Capitol!***

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The Haile Brockington Act



Left: Senator Maria Sachs presenting "Haile's Bill" in front of Committee - Right: Haile Brockington

This week, I am happy to announce that the Haile Brockington Act (SB 1676) passed its first committee stop. When I first heard of Haile Brockington's tragic and needless death, I was enraged as both a mother and a Senator. Since then, I have worked tirelessly to ensure that parents across the State of Florida will never have to experience such a tragedy.

This bill will ensure that those who are entrusted with driving thousands of our children to and from school and daycare everyday will check and make sure that every child has been safely removed before closing their vehicle. This is accomplished by a simple alarm placed in the back of the vehicle that sounds after the vehicle is shut off, prompting the driver to inspect the vehicle for children.

I am extremely proud of what this bill accomplishes, and am emboldened each day by those who reach out and lend their voices to help in this fight to end hot-car deaths in Florida. Two more stops remain until the Senate floor, and in Haile's memory I will never give up.

Florida Atlantic University Medical Faculty Certification



Senator Sachs presenting SB 878 to Committee

I am a major supporter of developing Florida Atlantic University's medical school to promote more local doctors in our area. My bill to add Florida Atlantic University to the list of schools eligible to receive medical faculty certifications (SB 878) passed committee on its way to the Senate floor. If this bill is passed, Florida Atlantic University's medical faculty members will be rightfully recognized for their expertise, reputation and professionalism in the medical profession in the State of Florida.

Helping The Florida Veteran's Foundation



Senator Sachs with Colonel Mike Prendergast, Executive Director of Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, left, and Captain Colleen Krepstekies, right

We should never forget our veterans and their sacrifice for our country. Last Wednesday, I presented Senate Bill 1688 to the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee. The bill was very well received by both constituents and my fellow Senators, and was praised by the Committee for its common-sense approach to providing additional funds to the Florida Veteran's Foundation. My bill will require that various registration forms throughout the State of Florida provide an opportunity for voluntary donations to be made that will directly benefit our veterans.



My favorite constituent, Gidget!

"Stay tuned every week, we will be sending you updates as we work for good policy for all Floridians"

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