



My Friend,

Less than a year ago, I made a series of promises to you about what kind of Senator you would be sending to Tallahassee and what I would fight for in the state Capitol. Going into session, those conversations over the phone, at your doorsteps and in your homes were never far from my mind when I cast votes in favor of lowering your taxes; investing in a world-class system of higher education; protecting our state's unique environment; and fighting for Florida's women, its LGBTQ and disabled communities. Thank you for this opportunity. It is an honor to serve you. If my office can ever help you, call us at (407) 893-2422.

See you soon!

Linda



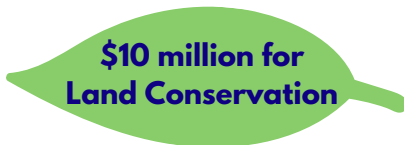
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Promises Kept. Results Delivered.

✓ Protecting the environment



✓ Fighting for equality

Filed "equal pay for equal work" legislation



Worked to repeal the tax on feminine hygiene products

✓ Securing your pocketbook & Florida's future



Increased education funding by \$25 million
Opposed HB 7069



Provided first raise for state workers in a decade

Worked across the aisle.



Protected Florida's outstanding water bodies
SB 10

Got tough on polluters
SB 532



Brought business organizations and the disabled community together to pass
HB 727



Passed a balanced state budget

Cut taxes by \$300 million

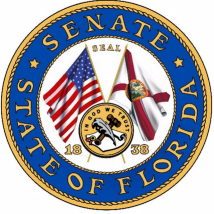
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My Committee Assignments

A lot of the work I do to represent you is done in committees. I sit on several committees covering the issues that matter most to our families in Central Florida. In each of them, I fight for the results you sent me here to get. If you are passionate about a particular issue or need help with any matter relating to the assignments below, don't hesitate to tell me and my staff about it. It is our honor to serve you and our Central Florida family.



- **Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources**
- **Committee on Education**
- **Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation**
- **Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability**
- **Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight**

Healing Wounds from the Pulse Tragedy

When you elected me to represent you in Tallahassee, our community was still shaken by the tragic Pulse nightclub shooting. Many of you felt pain, loss, and fear, but there was even more love, hope, and unity. One year later, on June 12, we came together again to remember those we lost and the battles we still must wage. In my fight for equality for all, I stood with Central Florida's LGBTQ community long before the courts extended any legal protections. However, the pain and damage caused by the events last summer reminded me that in spite of how far we've come, the underlying hatred – the bigotry and illness of the mind – that drove that senseless act is still alive and well. I promised then that if I was given the opportunity, I would do everything in my power to prevent this type of senseless slaughter from happening again. With the support of our community, I introduced **gun safety legislation**, secured **millions of dollars to treat victims** of psychological trauma, and pushed to create an **Orlando United specialty license plate** to provide badly-needed funding for mental health and to celebrate the resilience of the human spirit. It is with that unshakeable faith that, no matter what, we will continue to love, fight for justice and equality, and always stand **Orlando United**.

Next Steps: Unfinished Business

Going forward, there is much to do. I can't wait to renew the fight for commonsense values like:

Equality For All: End bigotry on the basis of sexual orientation by passing the Competitive Workforce Act

A Fair and Just Economy: Prohibit wage discrimination on the basis of gender

Protect Our Environment and Drinking Water: Ban fracking and fund Florida Forever

Invest in the Whole Person: Ensure adequate funding for mental health and addiction services

Bringing Tens of Millions of Dollars to District 13

Florida's 2017-18 Budget

The Legislature's single largest responsibility is passing a budget that outlines the priorities for our state and tackles the challenges we face. I'm proud to report that we delivered on the issues that matter to our families.



Secured over \$10 million for land conservation

Funded the restoration of water quality of Howell Branch Creek & the spring flow from the Wekiva basin



Protecting the Environment



Orlando Science Center



WUCF-TV transmitter building repairs



Downtown campus construction



Supporting Education & The Arts



Passed \$2.5 million to fund PTSD clinic for veterans and first responders at UCF

Supported ORMC Memory Disorder Clinics



Funding Healthcare



Helped the homeless community obtain resources and services
iDignity

Brought funding for Lake Baldwin Veterans' Home



Investing in Central Florida

Doing the People's Work



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Senator Stewart's 2017 Legislative Priorities

Filed Bills to:

- Ban assault weapons and large-capacity magazines such as the ones used at Pulse nightclub
SB 254: Gun Safety
- Prevent job discrimination based on sex or gender identity
SB 410: Equal Pay for Equal Work
- Create a tool for the business community and disabilities groups to increase ADA compliance at small businesses
Passed HB 727 with Rep. Tom Leek (R)
- Protect Florida's native bears, their habitats and their food sources
Passed SB 1398: Florida Black Bears in Environmental and Preservation Committee
- Make it easier for minority students to earn teaching scholarships at Florida's universities
Passed SB 1422: Minority Teacher Scholarship Fund

Co-Introduced Bills to:

- Get tough on polluters
Passed SB 532 with Sen. Bill Galvano (R)
- Ban discrimination on the basis of sexual identity and orientation in the workplace
SB 666: Competitive Workforce Act with Sen. Jeff Clemens (D)
- Require mandatory recess
Passed SB 78 with Senate President Pro Tempore Anitere Flores (R)
- Repeal the tax on feminine hygiene products
Passed SB 176 with Sen. Kathleen Passidomo (R)
- Lower taxes for properties using solar energy
Passed SB 90 with Sen. Jeff Brandes (R)

Session Highlights



With
LGBTQA constituents
just before Easter



With Congressman
Darren Soto for Earth Day



Constituents
visit for Muslim
Capitol Day



Standing with
Planned Parenthood



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