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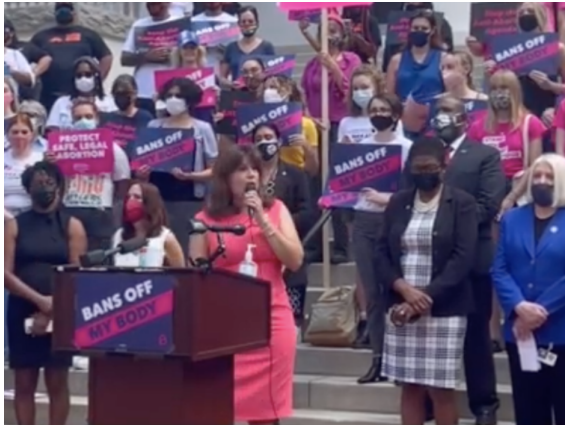
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Free Citizenship Drive

On Saturday, October 9 from 9am to 1pm we're partnering with the **Florida Immigrant Coalition** for a **FREE** Citizenship Drive at the **Westchester Regional Library**. Citizenship applicants must be 18 years or older and must have lived in the US w/ Green Card for 5 years or 3 years if married to a US Citizen. Call **1 888-600-5762** for more information.

Legislation



Statement by Senator Annette Taddeo Regarding Florida Republicans announcing plans for a Texas style attack on reproductive rights. "Understand what Florida Republicans want to do: They want to give rapists the right to sue their victims to stop them from getting an abortion - and to be able to collect money from their victims who try to have an abortion. If Republicans get their way, rapists will have more power over this decision than the victim.

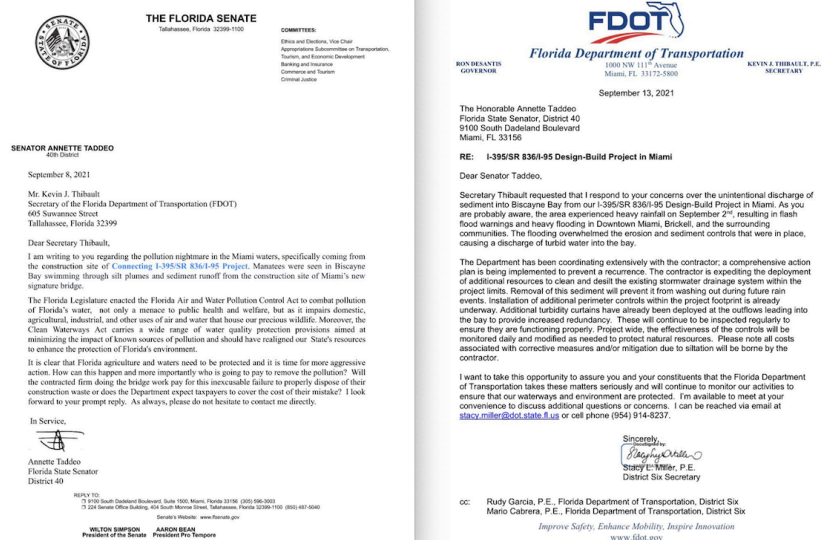
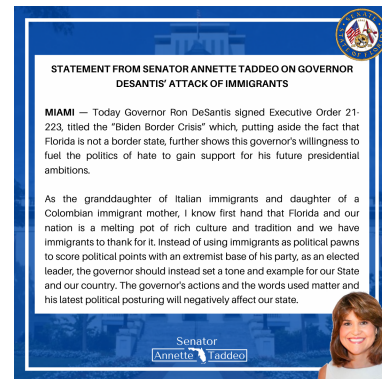
- [Senator Annette Taddeo on WFLA with Evan Donovan](#)
- [Senator Annette Taddeo on Telemundo 51 with Gloria Ordaz](#)
- [Senator Annette Taddeo on NBC 6](#)
- [Press Conference with Sen. Taddeo, Florida Planned Parenthood, Florida Rising, Dignity Power and countless Democratic House and Senate colleagues](#)
- [Press Conference with Planned Parenthood in Miami](#)

News

Senator Taddeo's statement on Governor Ron DeSantis' attack of immigrants

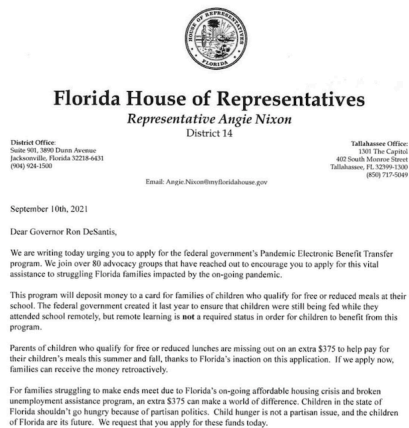
Executive Order 21-223, titled the "Biden Border Crisis"

which, putting aside the fact that Florida is NOT a border state, further shows this governor's willingness to fuel the politics of hate. As the granddaughter of Italian immigrants and daughter of a Colombian immigrant mother, Senator Taddeo knows first hand that Florida and our nation is a melting pot of rich culture and tradition and we have immigrants to thank for it.



Don't trash our treasure!

On September 8th, Senator Taddeo sent a letter to Secretary Kevin Thibault of the Florida Department of Transportation about the state managed construction site polluting our precious Biscayne Bay. Just days later on September 13th, we received a reply assuring the community that our tax dollars would not be footing the bill for this destructive mistake.



32 Florida lawmakers ask DeSantis to apply for federal benefits to help feed children

On September 10, with the support of Representative Angie Nixon, Senator Taddeo joined 30 other legislators on a letter requesting that Governor Ron DeSantis apply for federal funding from the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program. Florida's hardest hit families are currently missing out on \$375 a month that would go towards feeding the children in our state.

Events

Hispanic Heritage Month

As a Latina, Senator Annette Taddeo is proud of her roots. The variety of culture that Florida offers has a lot to do with Hispanic Americans, as they make up 1/4 of Floridians. This year, honor the dreams, voices, stories and contributions of the Hispanic community as they break down more barriers and make history!



The 1st annual South Dade Labor Day Cookout

As the daughter of a labor leader, the significance of this day doesn't fall lightly on Senator Taddeo. Her



father taught her the importance of both the hard work and dedication of labor workers as well as unions. She was honored to attend the 1st annual South Dade Labor Day cookout hosted by Representative Chambliss.

Fire Service Awards

While in Tallahassee for the Legislative Committee Week, Senator Taddeo was able to attend the '20-'21 Fire Service Awards where Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's own Captain Omar Blanco was awarded the 2020 Florida Professional Firefighter of the Year Award. This years fire service awards honored the lives of the 98 people that perished on the June 24 collapse of the Champlain Towers South Building.



Puerto Rico Day Parade

Celebrating the Puerto Rican community in Orlando with Congresswoman Val Demings, Congressman Darren Soto, Senator Victor Torres, Representatives Carlos G. Smith, Anna Eskamani and more!! This parade filled with fun and dance encompasses the vibrant culture of Puerto Rican's and Florida is richer for it.

Miami Beach Pride Parade

The energy of the LGBTQ+ community and allies

including Senator Taddeo took over the streets of Miami Beach Pride! Huge shoutout to SAVE, a non-profit which promotes, protects and defends equality for LGBTQ+ people in South Florida, for inviting us to this experience.



Senator Taddeo joined Building Back Together and the Miami Freedom Project on a forum to discuss the importance of President Biden's historical Build Back Better agenda. Here she highlighted that to support our workforce we must think of families. Specifically, for working moms, no paid leave and little pay leaves no room for the cost of childcare.

Senator Annette Taddeo met with Miami-Dade Local Firefighters Union 1403 and Coral Gables Local Firefighters Union 1210 at Chef Sucre Cafe, to simultaneously support small businesses in Miami. Here they discussed the upcoming 2022 legislative session as well as Senator Taddeo's appreciation for their hard work and dedication as first responders in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.





Celebrating Costa Rica's Independence

It was the Senator's great honor to share in the culture and tradition of Costa Rica and present the community with a proclamation from the Florida State Senate commemorating 200 years of independence. In addition, at this event, Senator Taddeo was presented with an award acknowledging her dedication to the Costa Rican community.

Team Taddeo celebrates the 200th anniversary of Mexico's independence!

Thank you to the Mexican Consulate in Miami and Consul General Jonathan Chait for putting together such a memorable evening at Miami-Dade College Kendall campus in Senate District 40!



Senator Taddeo distinguished by her alma mater Bucaramanga Colegio Panamericano

Senator Taddeo met with the President of her alma mater Sergio Arenas, the Vice President Consuelo Pimiento and Jorge Luis Vesga, President of the school board. Here

she was recognized for her work, leadership and the example she has set for the students of their school.

Business of the Month

Congratulations to our Senate District 40 OCTOBER **Business of the Month** Bolay. Join us for this recognition by placing an order and following them on social media. **Nominate** your favorite SD 40 Small Business!

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Announcements

This month, the **University of Florida** was **ranked among the Top 5 public universities** in the



nation! Florida is grateful to have them and their exemplary students like our previous Team Taddeo Legislative fellow Brandy Camp who was recruited through the Bob Graham Center. We can't wait to see who joins us next!

The Florida State University has kept their ranking as a Top 20 public university in the nation! Every legislative session, Tallahassee welcomes us with open arms and that has a big part to do with the Noles. Senator Taddeo is pictured here with two Team Taddeo FSU Fellows, Leah and Keily during the 2020 Session.



Positive relationships have the power to change lives. **Make a difference for kids and teens in Miami-Dade County by becoming a Foster Parent.** Contact **Citrus Family Care Network** to learn more at 1-855-786-KIDS (5437) or by visiting <http://citrusfcn.com>.

Unemployment Update

All remaining Federal Unemployment Benefit extensions in Florida have expired. This means unemployed Floridians at no fault of their own will only receive up to \$275 per

week, much lower than the national average. 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](#). **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 VACCINE: ALL individuals 12+ are eligible, [click here for details](#). Please visit miamidade.gov/vaccine for all vaccine updates.

VACCINE BOOSTERS: U.S. health experts recommend COVID-19 vaccine boosters for all individuals 65+ or high risk individuals 18+ at least 6 months after the completion of their second dose.

Financial Assistance

www.miamidade.gov/covidhelp

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COUNTY

The Emergency Rental Program (ERAP) is now accepting applications. The ERAP provides rental payment assistance for up to 12 months in back rent, if you meet certain income qualifications and are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Apply here.](#)

Rental and Other Assistance for the Homeless or Evicted

The federal ban on evictions has expired. If you or a loved one are homeless or were recently evicted, support is available in [Miami-Dade County](#). This assistance includes payment of first month's rent, security deposit, mortgage and utility bills, as well as shelter and food. [Click here.](#)

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