



**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**SENATOR DON GAETZ**  
*President*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the Senate Select Committee on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)  
**FROM:** Joe Negron, Chair  
**SUBJECT:** PPACA Webpage  
**DATE:** December 17, 2012

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I hope everyone has visited the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) page on the Senate's website. This page will track the Select Committee's comprehensive assessment of the federal health law and consideration of the Florida's options under the law.

President Gaetz directed the development of this website for two important purposes:

First, the page will make it easier for Select Committee members, other Senators, and the public to access the information gathered for and reviewed by the Select Committee. The page features official committee records and documents, as well as resource materials prepared by Senate professional staff. We are posting materials that provide facts and summaries of the issues under consideration by the Committee. Except when included in the official committee packet, the page will not include advocacy documents or opinions about pending decisions.

Second, and most important, the page is a tool for our constituents to engage in the legislative process. Not everyone will be able to come to Tallahassee to participate and this page makes it easier for the public to access the information discussed and presented in committee and the page enables them to submit their comments and opinions. By now you should have access to the almost 900 comments received. These will be useful as we work towards our recommendations to the full Senate. In addition, please encourage your constituents to visit the page and offer their comments.

I want to encourage you to monitor the website as well as the public comments and please provide us with any recommendations you may have for additional information. Sheri Green, the AA for the Select Committee, will collect your suggestions and provide them to the appropriate staff. Thank you for your continued work for this committee.

As we discussed in our first meeting, I believe the Select Committee's review and recommendations should be centered on protecting individual choice, limiting the regulatory burdens on Florida's businesses, and promoting better value in health care purchasing. I look forward to working with you to advance these goals.