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The Webster Wire

Listening to Floridians

Dear Friends:

Last week, I joined my House Republican colleagues to announce our “Commitment to America.” With over 150 policy proposals, Republicans are focused on working for the American people and renewing the American dream. We are committed to pursuing policies that will keep our communities safe and ensure that the citizens of this country enjoy freedom and prosperity for generations to come. Our policies will:



RESTORE our Way of Life



REBUILD the Greatest Economy in History



RENEW the American Dream

Republicans helped build the greatest economy in a generation, and the American way of life was thriving. We will do it again. Learn more at

<http://commitmenttoamerica.com> and I will be sharing more in the days and weeks to come.



REPUBLICANS WANT TO

Restore ★ **Rebuild** ★ **Renew**
our way of life *the greatest economy* *the American dream*

Florida's August Jobs Report

According to the August Jobs Report for Florida, our state has gained 631,600 jobs – this is more than half of the 1,178,100 jobs lost from February-April 2020. Additionally, Florida's unemployment rate dropped 4 percentage points as 143,000 Floridians re-entered the workforce in August. This is encouraging news for all Floridians. The private sector industries with the most job gains in August include:

- Education and health services with 21,400 new jobs;
- Professional and business services with 9,600 new jobs;
- Trade, transportation and utilities with 6,600 new jobs;
- Other services with 4,500 new jobs; and
- Financial Activities with 3,400 new jobs.

While we have a ways to go to get back to February 2020 – when we had the greatest economy in a generation – the trends are in the right direction. With strong conservative leadership in our state and Washington that are focused on getting government off the backs of hardworking Americans, I'm confident we can once again have the greatest economy in history.



THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IS **ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY**

Latest COVID-19 Data

The number of COVID-19 positive patients that are currently hospitalized is down more than 70 percent since July! This morning the Florida Department of Health [reported](#) 1,701 new positive COVID-19 cases, with a positivity rate of 4.36%. In my district, there are 109 individuals [currently hospitalized](#) with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19. The number of new positive cases [reported in](#) counties in my district as of 9:25 a.m. are:

- 21 new, positive cases in Citrus County, with a positivity rate 12.5%.
- 8 new, positive cases in Hernando County with a positivity rate of 3.77%.
- 20 new, positive cases in Lake County with a positivity rate of 3.05%.
- 24 new, positive cases in Marion County with a positivity rate of 5.66%.
- 1 new, positive case in Sumter County with a positivity rate of 1.54%.

To date, Florida has tested nearly 5 million individuals, had a total of 685,439 positive cases, and 13,317 deaths related to COVID-19.

Assistance for our Farmers

Today, applications open for our farmers impacted by COVID-19 to apply for [additional assistance](#) from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). There are funds still available from the CARES Act that eligible producers and farmers can apply for through USDA's Farm Service Agency county offices. Applications will be accepted through December 11, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be

found at farmers.gov/cfap.

Solid Florida Supreme Court Pick

Last Monday, Governor DeSantis announced he was appointing Judge Jamie Grosshans of the 5th Circuit in Central Florida to our State Supreme Court! I've known Judge Grosshans and her family for years and had recommended her for this position.

I applaud Governor DeSantis for once again appointing a nominee who respects the rule of law, refrains from judicial activism and will serve the State of Florida well. Judge Grosshans has the legal experience, professionalism, high moral character and commitment to jurisprudence needed to serve on our state's Supreme Court.



Photo credit: Tori Lynn Schneider/Tallahassee Democrat appearing in AP article

Protecting Pregnant Moms

Thursday, I voted for H.R. 2694 the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. This bill requires public sector employers and private sector employers with more than 15 employees to provide their employees that are pregnant moms with “reasonable accommodations” in the workplace. I am shocked that the Democrat Leadership allowed a pro-life bill to come to the floor for a vote!

I am pro-life and believe we should foster environments where the well-being of unborn babies is protected. The accommodations required in this bill will help protect both the health of the mother and her unborn child. The legislation includes an exemption for employers who would face undue hardship.

"A" for Protecting the Unborn

The Susan B. Anthony List (SBA), a nation-wide organization committed to protecting the lives of our unborn children, released their 2020 National Pro-Life Scorecard. I earned an "A" as a result of my work to protect the lives and health of the unborn. Throughout my life, I have worked to uphold the three unalienable rights promised in the Declaration of Independence, Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. I believe these rights extend to unborn children as well. My commitment to defend our most vulnerable will not waiver.



Florida Universities Top 20 in Nation

Last week, U.S. News & World Report released their 2021 public university rankings and Florida ranks second in the nation for schools in the Top 50, with three public universities. The University of Florida came in at #6, Florida State University ranked at #19, and the University of South Florida at #46. The University of Central Florida and Florida International University also made the top 100, at #77 and #95. With five public universities in the Top 100, Florida offers some of the country's best higher education opportunities.

Honoring the U.S. Constitution

On Thursday, we remembered the signing of our U.S. Constitution by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787.

CONSTITUTION DAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Your servant,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Webster".

Daniel Webster
Member of Congress

Constituent Corner

A constituent contacted my office seeking assistance getting his Social Security Disability backpay after my office previously assisted him with his VA benefits. Social Security erroneously listed a worker's comp claim on his record, which caused his benefits to be frozen. My staff followed up with Social Security several times and provided updates to the constituent until we learned a check for over \$27,000 was issued to the constituent. We received the following message from the constituent, *"Thank you so much for your help! It's greatly appreciated! Please thank Mrs. Debbie as well. Your office has been great!"*

Constituent services is a critical element of our congressional office. The federal

government is a massive operation, and my office is available if you ever need assistance in navigating the bureaucracy or cutting through red tape. We are here to serve you.

District Update

The 2020 Congressional App Challenge deadline is quickly approaching. Students must register and submit their completed App before October 19th! The Congressional App Challenge is for middle and high school students who reside or attend school in Congressional District 11.

Officially launched in 2015, the Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide event intended to engage students' creativity and encourage their participation in STEM fields. This competition allows students to compete with peers in their own district by creating and exhibiting their software application for web, PC, tablet, mobile devices and other platforms of their choice. For additional information please visit my website at: <https://webster.house.gov/appchallenge>

Legislative Update

Thursday, House Democrats brought up a politically-motivated resolution – H.R. 908, which denounced the use of terms such as the “Chinese Virus”, “Wuhan Virus”, and “Kung-flu”, while failing to recognize that the China Communist Party lied about coronavirus. I have and will continue to speak openly about The Chinese Communist Party, their hatred of American ideals and liberty and their attacks on our county. They must be held accountable.



Survey

Do you think the U.S. Senate should move to confirm the President's nominee to fill

the vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court?

- [Yes](#)
- [No](#)
- [Unsure](#)

[submit your response](#)

Results of [last week's survey](#) which asked... "Do you support extending the moratorium on oil drilling, which prohibits offshore drilling off Florida's Gulf Coast?"
Yes - 74%, No - 23%, Unsure - 3%

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