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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ *Serving House District 86*

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FROM THE DESK OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SNYDER

Deputy Majority Leader

Friends and Neighbors,

The 2023 Legislative Session is in the books and I'm proud of what my colleagues and I accomplished in the State House.

Together, we fought for Florida Families, providing meaningful tax relief, keeping housing costs down, and empowering parents to choose what's best for their child. We worked to make prescription drugs more affordable, stiffened penalties for human traffickers, and renewed our commitment to supporting law enforcement and first responders.

Please read our End-of-Session Newsletter to learn more about how your State Legislature is working to improve the quality of life for all Floridians. Thank you for your support, and as always, please don't hesitate to contact me if my office can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Proudly Serving Florida's District 86

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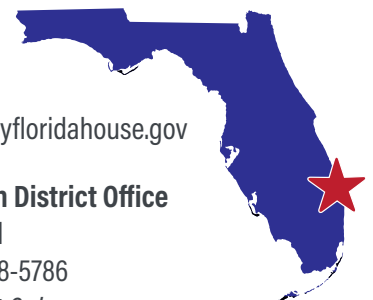
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- Health & Human Services Committee
- Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee
- Judiciary Committee
- Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
- Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee

 **Parental Empowerment in Education**

For as long as I can remember, “School Choice” was a luxury afforded only to families with the ability to stroke big tuition checks. This year, the Florida Legislature took big steps to make School Choice universal across Florida, and something that’s attainable for all Florida families.

Our new system for education funding allows state education dollars to follow the student, regardless of whether they attend a neighborhood brick-and-mortar school, or opt to learn at charter, magnet, or private school.

I am optimistic about the improved outcomes that will stem from this bold policy change, and am grateful to my colleagues for empowering parents to pursue the best educational option for their child. ■



Representative John Snyder with his family in Tallahassee. John is taking the steps to make School Choice universal across Florida.

 **Protecting the Privacy of Gun Owners**

I respect the 2nd Amendment and the words “shall not be infringed.” I am grateful that my colleagues in the Florida House share this sentiment, enabling us to join forces in safeguarding this God-given right.

We codified into law that credit card companies are prohibited from monitoring firearm-specific purchases. To reinforce this, violators will pay a fine of \$10,000 per offense.

Make no mistake– the tracking of firearm and ammunition purchases by credit card companies is nothing short of a deceitful attempt to establish a backdoor gun registry. Your state government rejects such actions and will not tolerate them.

Credit card companies have absolutely no business monitoring how we exercise our constitutional rights. You can rest assured that the House will fight, tooth and nail, to ensure that our right to protect ourselves and our families remains intact and inviolable. ■

 **Florida’s Bold Action Against Human Trafficking and Gun Crime**

Florida is a law and order state and we have zero tolerance for human trafficking. These criminals target the most vulnerable and commit heinous acts of violence. To combat these criminal organizations, we are implementing stronger penalties.

Under Florida’s “10-20-Life” law, human trafficking is now included as an offense that carries mandatory minimum sentences if a firearm was used during the crime. This sends a clear message to criminals: justice will prevail, and our communities will stay safe and protected.

Our commitment to the well-being of our citizens remains unwavering. My colleagues and I will continue to pursue measures to ensure that our communities remain fortified and secure. ■



Keeping Florida Affordable: Tackling Lawsuit Abuse that Drives Up Housing Costs

Our goal is to make Florida a more affordable place to live, and combating frivolous litigation is a crucial part of achieving that. In recent years, we have witnessed a concerning trend of lawyers targeting home builders for construction defects. This has resulted in a significant increase in housing costs for all Floridians.

These lawsuits have become so common that builders include the cost of anticipated litigation in their budgets, making housing more expensive for everyone. In response, the Florida House has passed legislation that mandates the timely filing of claims after project completion. This important measure brings much-needed predictability and stability to a system that has been exploited for too long.

It's essential to strike a balance in our system. While Floridians absolutely deserve recourse in the event of a construction defect, we can't allow the antics of one cottage industry to drive up costs for all consumers. ■



Ensuring Florida's Food Security

Food security is national security. Unlike much of Europe, we won't allow hostile nations like the People's Republic of China to control thousands of acres of our farmland.

Thanks to the Florida House and our Governor, we've banned China and other hostile foreign countries from owning our agricultural lands and encroaching upon critical state infrastructure. Let's not forget, Florida proudly houses 21 military installations and we won't let any Chinese spy balloons launch from our state.

With a ban in place, coupled with our robust military presence, we ensure the protection of our agricultural resources and critical infrastructure. Together, we safeguard our land, our people, and our sovereignty. ■

Local Appropriations

Budget highlights for local projects sponsored by Representative Snyder include:

\$1,000,000

for Place of Hope which serves children and families in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast.

\$985,255

in funding for the Loxahatchee and Indian River Preservation projects in Martin and Palm Beach Counties.

\$30,000,000

for Florida Atlantic University to construct a school of Dentistry.

\$3,000,000

for the South County Line Bridge Replacement.

\$500,000

to the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Palm Beach County.

\$1,000,000

for The Els for Autism Foundation.

\$528,508

in funding for Florida Veterans Suicide Prevention.

\$500,000

in funding for the Home Builder's Institute (HBI) Building Careers for Veterans.



Florida's Affordable Housing Revolution: Empowering Workers to Live Where They Serve

Florida's booming economy brings with it a significant challenge: the scarcity of affordable housing options. Thanks to Governor DeSantis and the Florida House, we have implemented a statewide workforce housing strategy that will enable Florida workers to live in the communities they serve.

This comprehensive legislation tackles the issue head-on. From income-based loan assistance to property tax exemptions, tax credits, and enticing private-sector investments in affordable housing, we're boosting the availability of homes that Floridians can truly afford, all through market-based solutions.

I am proud to work with my colleagues in the House on legislation that ensures that as the economy grows, we can increase homeownership and keep rent low for those who work in our communities. ■



Florida House Fights High Drug Costs: Taking on PBMs for Affordable Care

Prescription drug costs weigh heavily on Floridians. Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) are the unseen hand behind the drugs you're prescribed, pharmacy choices, and the prices you pay at the counter. The Legislature is fighting back against PBMs who prey on prescription-dependent Floridians.

The Florida House has taken a stand to protect consumers from the manipulative practices of PBMs. We've made it mandatory for PBMs to accept the money provided by pharmaceutical companies and apply it towards patients' annual maximum out-of-pocket expenses. Additionally, patients will now have the flexibility to utilize this money towards their copays.

We believe that every Floridian deserves a healthy and fulfilling life, free from the obstacles created by PBMs. That's why your Legislature is committed to supporting pro-consumer healthcare policies like these. Together, we'll keep more money in your pocket and ensure you receive the care you need. ■

