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Dear Residents of South Dade:

I thank you for working with me on the many issues of importance to South Florida. By working together we can more readily meet the needs of our community. I expect that you will find that my staff is open and willing to assist you in any matter and I encourage you to make full use of its services.

HOW ILEANA CAN HELP YOU

CASEWORK- ASSISTANCE WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES

My office is glad to help you solve problems with federal agencies. Whether you are having trouble receiving a timely answer from a federal agency or if you have been treated unfairly by that agency, my office can work to help resolve the issue or get you the information that you need. Issues or concerns regarding passports, visas, Medicare and Medicaid, housing, veteran's affairs, military cases, and the IRS can be handled by my constituent services representatives at any of my district offices.

ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS

Each year I have the privilege of nominating a limited number of young people our U.S. service academies. An appointment to an academy is based on a desire to devote years to military service and serving our country. If you or someone you know is interested in attending one our nation's service academies, they must meet the admissions requirement of the academy and receive a Congressional nomination. Interested applicants should contact my district office.

WASHINGTON DC TOURS

Whether you're coming on a short business trip, or an extended family vacation, my office can help you make arrangements for some of the more popular Federal attractions in our nation's capital. My office is also pleased to provide you with a broad list of museums, tours, and attractions in the Washington, D.C. area. Many of the attractions are free to the public. If you would like to see the legislative process in action, free gallery passes are available for both the House of Representatives and the Senate. In order to arrange free U.S. Capitol tours, please contact my D.C. office with the dates when you will be visiting.

INTERNSHIPS

Washington D.C. Office: If you are interested in interning in my Washington DC office, please send your application along with a resume and cover letter to my intern coordinator Christopher Ferrer via email at Christopher.Ferrer@mail.house.gov.

Miami District Office: If you are interested in interning at my Miami District office, please contact Aida Santiesteban via email at Aida.Santiesteban@mail.house.gov or Erick Hueck at Erick.Hueck@mail.house.gov.

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KEEPING FAMILIES IN THEIR HOMES

I continue to provide mortgage refinancing assistance information to help keep families from losing their homes, protect neighboring home values, and help stabilize the housing market. At local events I support, homeowners in financial distress are able to meet face-to-face with a representative from their mortgage lender or with a local housing counselor. By helping safeguard homeowners who were victimized by predatory lending or the market downturn, we can work to repair the tragic effects of the housing crisis while continuing to bring affordable housing to our community.

PROTECTING GROWERS AND AGRICULTURAL LIVELIHOODS

I recognize the importance of protecting American farmers and consumers, and understand the detrimental effects that Citrus Greening and Laurel Wilt & Redbay Ambrosia Beetle diseases have on Florida citrus and avocado industries. For that reason, I have been working to address these challenges while supporting the ongoing effort to stem the tide of the diseases' impact in our community. I have also supported the research, pest management and trade assistance programs that are vital to our specialty crops producers. I also believe in protecting the jobs of growers and farmers and have been working to restore the fair trade of domestic tomato producers.

PROTECTING SOUTH FLORIDA'S NATURAL TREASURES

Providing protection and access to South Florida's irreplaceable natural resources such as Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Park will preserve our economic interests while safeguarding the culture surrounding South Florida's water-centered way of life. I am committed to ensuring a healthy local ecosystem while also safeguarding access for fishing, boating, diving and other uses. These resources are an important component to the environmental and economic life of South Florida and must not be jeopardized by potentially disastrous activities such as close to shore oil drilling. With careful management the natural beauty of South Florida will remain a jewel of our community and available for future generations to respect and enjoy.

SUPPORTING OUR PROUD MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

I have worked to support warfighter wellbeing here at home as well as downrange. Those who dedicate their lives to the service of others truly embody the heart and spirit of our great nation, and I thank each and every brave American who courageously serves our country. As you know, Florida is a very active state in terms of military presence and is rated among those states most accommodating to servicemen and servicewomen, as well as their families. Right here in South Dade we have Homestead Air Reserve Base, which serves 2700 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Customs and Border Protection agents, and Florida National Guardsmen. From helping safeguard this military installation in an increasingly dangerous world to enhancing availability of care, improving services for dependents and creating more educational benefits for our veterans, I am dedicated to improving the lives of the brave men and women who defend the privileges, comforts, and freedoms that we as Americans enjoy.

REFORMING THE TAX CODE: A MORE FAIR AND SIMPLE SYSTEM FOR ALL AMERICANS

The time for liberation from our convoluted complex tax code is now. I am working to reform the federal tax code, which with its complexity and high tax rates, has harmed America's competitiveness especially for small businesses. I am committed to work with Members of both parties to reach the goal of a simplified tax code that would promote economic growth while helping to balance the federal budget.

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