

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2020

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
Office of Governor - State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Expediate Housing Assistance Funding and Public Release of Plan for Distribution

Dear Governor DeSantis,

It was recently announced that federal funding will be distributed in Florida to assist families in paying their rent and mortgages. As members of the Florida Congressional delegation, we urge your full and fair consideration to expedite the release of this funding to assist those in need as quickly as possible. Furthermore, we request a detailed plan that includes a timeline for distribution, allocation formulas, an account of qualifying mortgages and rentals, and a description of how to apply for these funds be publicly provided so we can better inform our Florida constituents.

As you know, \$240 million in federal CARES Act funding will be distributed to assist the families hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic to pay rent and mortgages. Of this funding, \$120 million will be assigned to counties for them to distribute to its residents for rental and homeowner assistance programs. The other \$120 million will be allocated to families living in affordable housing units to help cover the costs of rent from July through December, with the option to also apply to rent from April to June of this year.


The importance of this funding announcement cannot be understated. However, state officials have not yet announced when these funds will be available or how people would be able to apply. This is essential information for Florida families in need right now.

Accordingly, that is why we, as members of the Florida Congressional delegation, again urge your full and fair consideration to expediate the distribution of this funding as well as the release of a detailed plan to the public that includes a timeline for allocation formulas, explanation of qualifying mortgages and rentals, and a description of how apply for this federal CARES Act funding. We thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



Darren Soto
Member of Congress



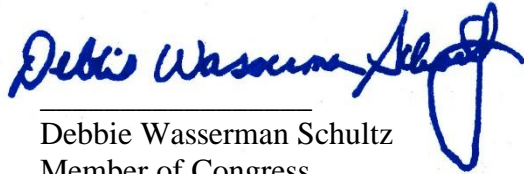
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Member of Congress

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Val B. Demings
Member of Congress

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Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

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Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress