

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 13, 2020

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

As we all continue to work to protect the citizens of Florida during the COVID-19 pandemic, we urge you again to immediately release all remaining Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to Florida's counties, cities, towns.

As you are aware, under the CARES Act formula, only 13 Florida political jurisdictions can apply directly for CRF resources. So, the overwhelming majority of Florida's 67 counties, cities, towns are relying on the State of Florida to distribute the funding provided for governmental entities under the CARES Act. The CRF funding was meant to be a vital lifeline for maintaining uninterrupted operation of local government and services during this global pandemic.

We also must stress the urgency of this matter. All CARES Act funding must be spent by December 31, 2020. Local governments must pay for incurred and mounting COVID-19 related expenditures, as well as establish programs to distribute CARES Act money to businesses and nonprofits in their municipal boundaries (within the parameters and restrictions dictated by the CARES Act) to ensure their ongoing operations.

Accordingly, we ask that you consider immediately release *all* remaining CRF resources to *all* Florida counties, cities, towns. We further request that you provide us with status updates and share your disbursement plan with us so we can continue to keep our constituents informed. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of our request, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Darren Soto
Member of Congress



Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

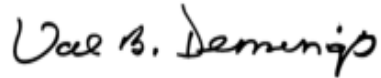
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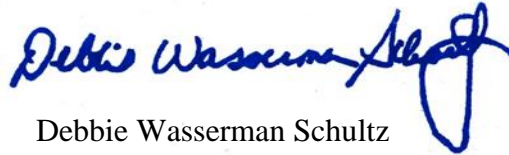
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