

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 24, 2020

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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady
Florida Supreme Court
500 South Duval Street,
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Dear Florida Cabinet Members and Chief Justice Charles Canady,

We write to express our sentiments that the Florida Cabinet in cooperation with the Florida Courts should temporarily suspend all eviction and foreclosure proceedings in the State of Florida for 60 days during the national emergency of the coronavirus pandemic. We believe this moratorium also apply to Florida residents living in hotels and motels throughout the state.

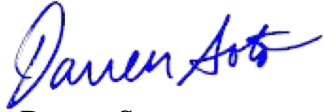
During this unprecedented public health and economic crisis, many Floridians are furloughed, underemployed or unemployed and unable to pay their rent, mortgage or hotel / motel charges. If they are forced to vacate their homes, it will only exacerbate this health crisis by contributing to the spread of the coronavirus. This will also put an additional strain on our state resources at a time when they are already stretched dangerously thin.

On March 18, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development authorized the Federal Housing Administration to put an immediate moratorium on foreclosures and evictions for the next 60 days for homeowners who are unable to pay their FHA-backed mortgages as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Issuing a similar decision for the State of Florida will allow homeowners and renters the stability they need to care for themselves and their families, stop the spread of coronavirus, and save precious state resources. We appreciate your full and fair consideration of our letter and your attention to this important matter.

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Sincerely,



Darren Soto
Member of Congress



Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress



Kathy Castor
Member of Congress



Charlie Crist
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress



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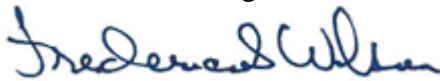
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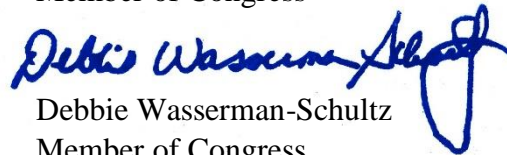
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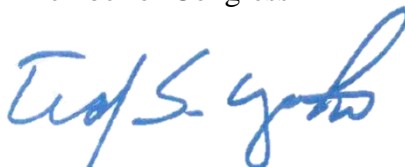
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