

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2020

Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

As a follow up from our March 25th letter, we again urge you to issue a stay-at-home order for the entire state as COVID-19 continues to spread. Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, provided a stark warning Friday on the need for Americans to continue social distancing measures: “When you think you're maybe overreacting, you probably are not acting as forcefully as you should.”

We appreciate your recent announcement that you will be issuing a “safer-at-home” order for the southern portion of the state, and will apply this order to Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and Monroe counties through the middle of April. However, given that there are over 5,000 positive cases of COVID-19 in Florida, with the Department of Health reporting 523 new positive cases on Sunday, this order should be applied to the entire state immediately in order to effectively slow the spread of COVID-19. This pandemic has not respected global borders so it certainly will not respect county borders.

We cannot wait, and we cannot leave this decision to county and municipal governments. We urge you to immediately issue a statewide stay-at-home order to save lives.

Sincerely,



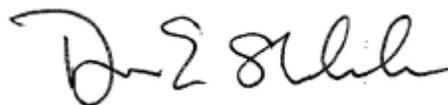
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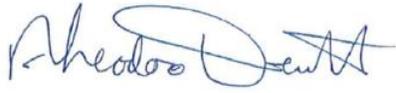
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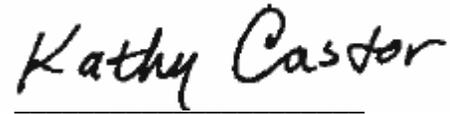
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