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Frankly Speaking...



Hurricane Dorian Thankfully Spared South Florida

We here in Florida were thankfully spared from the disaster that Hurricane Dorian could have left in our state. Unfortunately, our neighbors in the Bahamas were not as fortunate and I have no doubt that we will do what we can as a state, country and as individuals to help them in the coming days, weeks and months. Even today, over a week since we all started watching its path, we are still hoping that others along the coast will be spared. One good lesson I think we all continue to learn is preparation and a plan is important. I urge you to continue to be ready as we still have months left before Hurricane season ends. If you should need any information or help with FEMA or other federal agencies, please reach out to my office.

Rep. Frankel Calls for Congressional Investigation into Epstein

West Palm Beach, FL – On Tuesday, August 27, Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) hosted a press conference calling for a major investigation into Jeffrey Epstein’s 2008 sweetheart plea deal and recent suicide. Rep. Frankel was joined by Jack Scarola, a local attorney working on behalf of Epstein’s victims.

Through a Democratic Women’s Caucus-led letter, House Democrats are requesting that the House Oversight and Reform and Judiciary Committees investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding Epstein’s plea deal and death, to shed light on his crimes and continue to seek justice for the victims.

Epstein, a well-known billionaire with deep political and local connections, was accused of molesting and trafficking dozens of young women since the late 1990s. To the dismay of many, the United States Attorney of South Florida arranged a plea deal under which Epstein was allowed to plead guilty to lesser, prostitution-related charges without notice to any of the victims, in clear violation of the *Crime Victims’ Rights Act*. Epstein received a shockingly light sentence and unnamed persons were granted immunity.

The letter concluded, “While we cannot undo the damage Epstein has caused the victims of his abuse, the survivors of Epstein’s exploitation and manipulation deserve a forum to be heard and both they and the public deserve transparency and answers to unresolved questions. The victims should be given an opportunity to tell their own stories and the government and law enforcement officials involved be required to explain under oath the highly unusual treatment afforded to Jeffrey Epstein.”

To read the full letter, click [here](#).

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Rep. Frankel Hosts Roundtables & Meetings with Local Groups, Mayors, Law Enforcement, Health Care Providers & Others

Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) spent most of her district work period hosting roundtables with local mayors, city managers, law enforcement, service providers, advocacy groups and others to discuss pressing issues facing South Floridians.

As a former State Representative and Mayor of West Palm Beach, Rep. Frankel believes that listening and hearing an exchange of ideas brings valuable insight into the needs of local, state and federal government.

“These meetings allow my constituents and our service providers to tell me what is important to them and what is needed to improve their quality of life.”



Rep. Frankel with COBWRA delegates



Rep. Frankel holds roundtable discussion with local Chambers of Commerce



Rep. Frankel hosts roundtable with Delray Alliance



Rep. Frankel with Moms Demand Action



Rep. Frankel with local Youth Caregivers Association



Rep. Frankel holds roundtable with local Law Enforcement and First Responders



Rep. Frankel with Anti-Defamation League



Rep. Frankel with Equality Florida



Rep. Frankel speaks at Palm Beach County League of Cities