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Buckle Up in the Back Seat

As a teenager, I lost my twin sister in a horrific car crash. She was in the back seat, and tragically her seat belt was not buckled. Since then I have dedicated my career to improving traffic safety and have fought for common sense laws that prevent the kind of tragedy my family endures to this day. In September, I filed House Bill 179, which would require all passengers to wear a safety belt, regardless of where they sit in a vehicle. (Currently, Florida law only requires drivers, front seat passengers and those under 18 to use seat belts.)

Between 2008 and 2017, Florida had 14,377 passenger fatalities from vehicle crashes. Nearly half of these victims, 6,823 people, were not wearing a safety belt.

We can save lives and prevent countless family tragedies by requiring every passenger – including those in the back seat – to wear common sense seat belt protection.

Representative Emily Slosberg, District 91



**Pumpkin spice coffee, pumpkin pie, pumpkins on the porch:
Autumn has arrived – and it's time to plan for Halloween!**

Rep. Slosberg's Committee Assignments for Florida's 2020 House Legislative Session

- Health and Human Services Committee
- State Affairs Committee
- Gaming Control Subcommittee
- Justice and Appropriations Subcommittee

The next legislative session is fast approaching and will begin on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. But legislative work goes on year-round, and the



Legislature's "Committee Weeks" in September took Rep. Slosberg to Tallahassee for work sessions, bill filing and meetings. Important bills to notice in the months ahead include legislation requiring all passengers (including those in rear seats of the vehicle) to use seat belts and a bill banning the use of handheld wireless devices while driving. Also, a new House Resolution is in the works to once again establish Jewish American Heritage week in Florida to recognize the vital contributions of Jewish Americans to Florida's communities, academic institutions, cultural life, civic organizations and businesses.

Don't Get Scammed!

If you're approached by a stranger -- in person, by telephone or online -- to make a purchase, to pay a utility bill, contribute to a charity, or send money for a loved one, watch out! You could be talking to an imposter who's about to hit you up on some variation of South Florida's most common scams. You may have heard of:

- The IRS scam
- The Grandparent scam
- Romance scam
- Jury duty scam
- Lottery/prize money scam
- Utility scam
- Company scams
- Arrest warrant scam
- Phishing scams

- 1 Never provide personal or financial information unless you are talking to a known, trusted source.
- 2 Use a credit card, not cash, to make payments. That allows you to dispute charges if you don't get what you were promised.
- 3 Don't answer your phone if you don't recognize the number on caller ID.
- 4 Beware of unsolicited contacts, especially those demanding action "now."
- 5 Register for the Florida Do Not Call Program by contacting the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, either online at **FloridaConsumerHelp.com** or by phone at **1-800-HELP-FLA**
- 6 Forget your manners. Many senior citizens were raised at a time when trustworthiness and polite behavior were engrained into one's earliest training. For that very reason, scam often artists target and deliberately exploit the elderly. Don't hesitate to say no, to hang up on unsolicited callers, and to be strong in protecting yourself.
- 7 Report fraudulent behavior whenever you see it to the Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services: **Florida ConsumerHelp.com** or by phone to **1-800-435-7352**. The Florida Attorney General's Office of Citizen Services also handles complaints at its Office of Citizen Services, **850-414-3990**.



Yom Kippur 5780

Day of Atonement

October 8-9, 2019

Rep. Slosberg Proposing Bill to Ban Use of Handheld Cell Phones while Driving

For years, Rep. Slosberg has fought to ban the use of cell phones while driving. During the 2019 legislative session, legislators enacted a ban on texting while driving that includes a prohibition on the use of handheld wireless devices in school and work zones. That provision goes into effect Oct. 1, and it is a great start. But it's just that – a start. By banning drivers' use of handheld cell phones everywhere, Florida's roadways will be safer, lives will be saved and tragedies averted.

- Cell phones are the leading source of driver distraction, and their handheld use creates enormous potential for needless death and injury.
- In 2017 alone 3,166 persons were killed and thousands more insured in car crashes involving distracted drivers.
- Nineteen states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories already prohibit all drivers from using handheld cell phones.

On the effective date that using handheld wireless devices in school and work zones became illegal, Rep. Slosberg filed House Bill XX to ban drivers' the use of handheld cell phones and other wireless communications devices on any road in Florida.