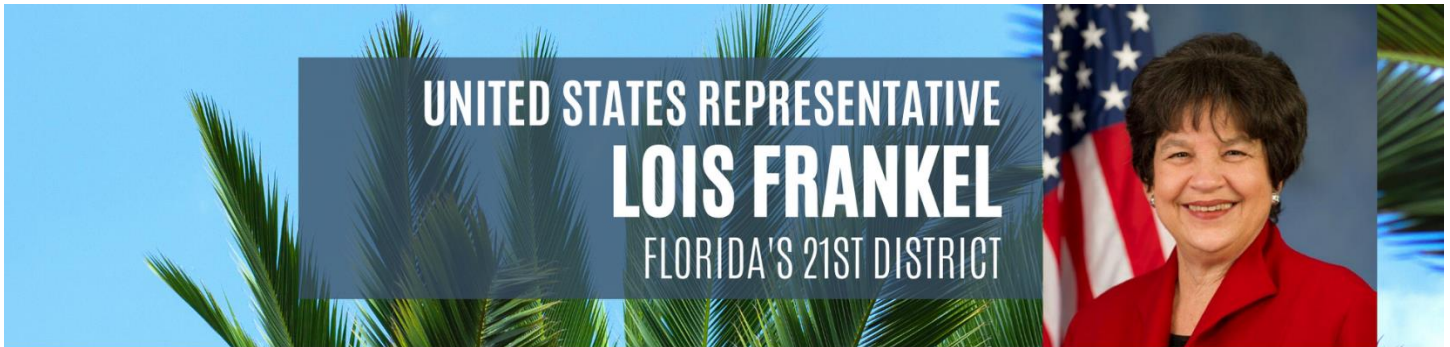


December 2019

Frankly Speaking...



Holiday Season is Here

The beautiful weather, decorated homes and of course additional traffic all confirm that the holidays are here. However, along with wonderful dinners with family and friends, days to celebrate and reflect and the hopes we have for a New Year, there are those who use this time to prey upon people. I have included along with this newsletter an additional education piece on scams and ensuring that you keep your information safe. Please take the time to read it and share it.

Warmest wishes for a Joyous and Peaceful New Year!

Rep. Frankel Announces 2020 Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment Period

Congresswoman Frankel wants everyone to be reminded about the open enrollment period. Open enrollment for 2020 plans started on Friday, November 1 and goes through December 15. This marks the seventh year the Affordable Care Act will provide access to affordable healthcare in Florida for individuals and families in need of health plans. If you have questions or need help signing up for a plan, you can contact **Epilepsy Florida at (727) 254-4962.**



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REMINDER:

If you are traveling this holiday season out of the United States including the Bahamas, you MUST have a passport. Please know where yours is and be sure it is not expired. If you have questions or need help with your passport, please contact my office at 561 998-9045.

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Rep. Frankel Holds Listening Roundtable with Health Care Professionals



Rep. Frankel hosting a listening roundtable with local healthcare professionals from South Florida.

The Congresswoman hosted a listening roundtable with healthcare professionals from South Florida to hear about pressing issues facing physicians and patients.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, the Congresswoman oversees funding for the Department of Health and Human Services, which manages some of the nation's most critical health programs including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and services that promote public health and safety. The Congresswoman was joined by local physicians, nurses, home healthcare workers, and other medical professionals.

Rep. Frankel and Colleagues Send Letter Supporting Youth Caregivers

The Congresswoman and 23 Members of Congress sent a letter to the Administration for Community Living requesting the Family Caregiving Advisory Council consider the needs and perspectives of youth caregivers. There are at least 1.3 million caregiving youth in the United States ages 8-18 years old. These youth provide significant assistance, sometime alone, to relatives or family members who need support because of chronic or terminal health conditions. The academic, physical, developmental and emotional impact of caregiving on youth is often hidden behind closed doors, and they often lack the support they need to succeed. The Congresswoman visited with some of these youth caregivers and their families in her district at the American Association of Caregiving Youth founded by Connie Siskowski, RN, PhD, who also serves as the President.

"Youth caregivers deserve a normal childhood and a bright future, said the Congresswoman. We need to acknowledge the unique challenges this community faces and find ways to support them."

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I look forward to meeting you, hearing from you and serving you.