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Dear Neighbor,

Please join me for a telephone town hall this Thursday, May 14th, at 6:30 PM, where I will be joined by special guests to take your questions on testing, unemployment, steps to reopen Palm Beach County, and other issues related to the coronavirus pandemic. Register for the telephone town hall

here: <https://frankel.house.gov/live/>

You can also submit a question for me to answer during the event [here](#).

*Para obtener una lista en español de los recursos disponibles para usted, [clic aquí](#).*

**Have your family's financial resources been impacted by the pandemic?**

YES

NO

*\*By responding to this survey, you will be automatically subscribed to my newsletter.*

**Are you worried that your health or a family member's health will be compromised?**

YES

NO

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## **UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

Every day, we see the need for further action to combat the coronavirus crisis, and I am fighting hard for more relief for those impacted by this pandemic. The numbers are devastating. Over 80,000 dead, more than 1.3 million confirmed cases, and more than 33 million initial unemployment claims in the past seven weeks, with the April jobs report showing the highest national unemployment rate since the Great Depression.

These dire numbers show the urgent need for another bold relief package that is equal to the

crisis gripping our nation. That is why the House has unveiled transformative, far-reaching legislation that will protect the lives and livelihoods of the American people and the life of our democracy. Our next package, the *Heroes Act* :

- **Commits another \$75 billion for the testing, tracing and treatment** we need in order to have a science-based path to safely reopen our country and helping ensure that every American can access free coronavirus treatment.

- **Provides strong support for our heroes** with nearly \$1 trillion for state, local, territorial and tribal governments on the frontlines who desperately need funds to pay the health care workers, police, fire, transportation, EMS, teachers and other vital workers who keep us safe and are in danger of losing their jobs. *The Heroes Act* will also establish a \$200 billion Heroes' fund to ensure that essential workers receive hazard pay.

- **Puts money in the pockets of workers** with a second round of direct payments to families up to \$6,000 per household, new payroll

protection measures to keep 60 million workers connected with their jobs and extending weekly \$600 federal unemployment payments through next January.

**- Supports small**

**businesses** by strengthening the Payroll Protection Program to ensure that it reaches underserved communities, nonprofits of all sizes and types and responds flexibly to small businesses by providing \$10 billion for Covid-19 emergency grants through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

**- Ensures further support for Americans, including for health security**, with COBRA subsidies and a special enrollment period in the ACA exchanges for those without insurance; workplace security by requiring OSHA to ensure that all workplaces develop science-based infection control plans and preventing employers from retaliating against workers who report problems; housing security, with \$175 billion in new supports to assist renters and homeowners make monthly rent, mortgage and utility payments and other housing-related costs; and food security, with a 15 percent increase to the maximum SNAP benefit and

additional funding for nutrition programs that help families put food on the table.

- **Protects the life of our democracy** with new resources to ensure safe elections, an accurate Census, and preserve the Postal Service.

I am traveling back to D.C. this week to vote on this important package. *The Heroes Act* will then go to the Senate for consideration.

## **RESOURCES**

I want to make sure that you are able to access the resources you need to navigate this public health emergency. Please [visit my website](#) for a list of helpful resources for everyone including small business owners looking for economic assistance, workers seeking unemployment benefits, and seniors seeking to protect themselves from coronavirus.

## **A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

As always, I encourage everyone to [follow the CDC's best practices](#) and rely on the [CDC](#), the [Palm Beach County Health Department](#), and the [Florida Health Department](#) for the most

accurate and up-to-date information on confirmed cases. Please also [visit my website](#) for more information on how you can help prevent the spread of the coronavirus in our community by practicing social distancing, disinfecting frequently used services, and washing your hands often.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to my office in Boca Raton or D.C. by calling the numbers listed below. For regular updates, follow me on social media @RepLoisFrankel or sign up for my newsletter [here](#).

Sincerely,



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