# Frankly Speaking...



Happy July 4th Weekend



Although this year July 4<sup>th</sup> will look a lot different than last year, I urge everyone to still observe guidelines to remain safe and healthy! I hope you are able to celebrate with family and friends and enjoy being with loved ones.





Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) announced millions in *American Rescue Plan* funding for local Palm Beach County airports impacted by the pandemic. The funds will be used for prevention, preparation, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced many industries to shut down last year, and as a tourism-based economy, Palm Beach County felt the effects of the travel industry closing its doors. Local airports were hit hard while people postponed their travel plans in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. The *American Rescue* 

*Plan* was vital to combatting the pandemic and getting people vaccinated and ready to travel again. Specifically, the bill included \$8 billion in support for airports, with almost \$27 million going to Palm Beach County airports. Boca Raton Regional Airport, Palm Beach International Airport, North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport, and Lantana Regional Airport will all be receiving funds.

#### THE CHILD TAX CREDIT IS HERE TO HELP YOU

The Child Tax Credit will put money into the pockets of most families with young children-including those that do not normally file taxes. Parents can receive up to \$300/month per dependent-including children, adopted children, step-children, foster children, and others.

Visit ChildTaxCredit.gov or call my office at 561 998-9045

#### Rep. Frankel Advocates Uplifting Care Economy

Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) visited the Area Agency on Aging to highlight how the *American Jobs Plan* proposed by President Biden will invest resources to help families take care of their elderly and disabled loved ones and ensure workers are paid fairly.

Frankel supports President Biden's call to Congress to make substantial investments in the infrastructure of care in our country. Specifically, the President is calling on Congress to put \$400 billion toward expanding access to quality, affordable home- or community-based care for aging relatives and people with disabilities. These investments will help hundreds of



thousands of Americans finally obtain the long-term services and support they need, while creating new jobs and offering caregiving workers a long-overdue raise, stronger benefits, and an opportunity to organize or join a union and collectively bargain.

### Reps. Frankel, Waltz Re-Introduce Bipartisan, Bicameral Legislation to Keep Girls in School Worldwide

Representatives Lois Frankel (D-FL-21) and Michael Waltz (R-FL-06) re-introduced the *Keeping Girls in School Act* to support the educational empowerment of girls globally. A companion bill will be introduced in the Senate by Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK). Girls who remain in school are more likely to live longer, marry later, earn better income to support their families, and help their local and national economies thrive. Alarmingly, the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has affected nearly 91 percent of the world's student population. According to recent UN reporting, 11 million girls globally may not return to school because of COVID-19 related disruptions to their education. While the U.S. has been a global leader in efforts to expand and improve educational opportunities around the world, particularly for girls, there is still more work to be done.

#### **PASSPORTS**

## PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR PASSPORTS IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO TRAVEL.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE BAHAMAS REMEMBER YOU NEED A
PASSPORT!

#### Rep. Frankel Demands Equal Access to Contraception for Women Veterans



Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21), took to the House Floor to support the *Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act*. The legislation would grant women veterans the same co-pay free contraception that active-duty women and civilian women already receive. Rep. Frankel is a cosponsor of the bill and a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

For video of Rep. Frankel's full remarks, click here.

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