



Frankly Speaking...

ICYMI: Rep. Frankel Celebrates Passage of the Women's Health Protection Act



Washington, D.C. –Last week, Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21), took a stand for reproductive freedom after voting to pass the *Women's Health Protection Act*, a landmark abortion access bill Frankel co-led which would ensure all Americans can access the care they need, regardless of where they live.

Below are Rep. Frankel's remarks, as delivered:

"My, my, my, the attacks on reproductive health care just never seem to end.

Just take a look at what's happening in Texas, where safe, legal abortion have been made impossible by banning abortions before most people know they're pregnant, and promoting vigilante lawsuits against health care providers, and anyone else who engages in conduct that aides the performance of an abortion. That means even an Uber driver taking a patient to a clinic. That's crazy!

And now my home state of Florida, is gearing up to follow Texas' lead. And alarmingly, this is just an example of the hundreds of laws that have been passed in state legislatures across our country to stop safe, legal abortion.

Today, the United States House of Representatives took a stand to fix this unconscionable attack on reproductive freedom. We passed the Women's Health Protection Act.

When enacted, this law would protect the right to access abortion care throughout the United States by creating a safeguard against bans and medically unnecessary restrictions.

Here's the thing, deciding whether to become a parent is one of the most important, personal life decisions a person can make, and the decision should not be made by politicians, or neighbors, or a stranger in another state. The passage of the Women's Health Protection Act today in the United States Congress is a declaration of reproductive freedom, and I urge the United States Senate to take up and pass this landmark legislation without delay."

For video of Rep. Frankel's full remarks, [click here](#).

The legislation passed by a vote of 218-211.

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Rep. Frankel Statement on Government Funding Extension

West Palm Beach, FL –Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21) released the following statement after voting to pass the *Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act*, which prevents a government shutdown by extending funding for critical education, health, housing, and public safety programs through December 3rd. This legislation also delivers \$28.6 billion in desperately needed relief to the survivors of recent natural disasters and provides \$6.3 billion to help resettle Afghan refugees.

“Today’s vote was a critical step forward, but there’s still more to do. This legislation will keep the government funded and ensure that the services families across our country rely on—like nutrition assistance, services for veterans, and more—continue to run without interruption,” **said Rep. Frankel.** “This bill will also deliver assistance to Americans who have been struggling to make ends meet due to COVID-19, survivors of devastating natural disasters, and Afghan refugees. Now, I’m look forward to working with my colleagues to continue to deliver on the President’s Build Back Better agenda.”

The *Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act* is comprised of three key elements:

- A Continuing Resolution which extends funding for vital federal agencies, including education, health, housing, and public safety programs through December 3rd.
- Emergency disaster funding which includes \$28.6 billion to address the rising cost of climate change while providing relief for survivors of recent natural disasters such as Hurricanes Ida, Delta, Zeta, and Laura, wildfires, severe droughts and winter storms.
- Emergency assistance for Afghan evacuees which includes \$6.3 billion in support for temporary housing, necessary security screenings, the resettlement of eligible evacuees in the United States, and funding to provide humanitarian assistance for Afghan refugees in neighboring countries.

The *Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act*, which is Senate amended, passed the House by a vote of 254-175. It now goes to the President for his signature.

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Rep. Frankel Announces Health Care Funding for Palm Beach County Clinics

Washington, D.C. – This week, Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21), released the following statement announcing over \$1.5 million in critical grant funding for the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and Genesis Community Health through the *American Rescue Plan*.

“These clinics have been absolutely crucial in the fight against COVID-19 in Palm Beach County thanks to the incredible work they do in our underserved communities,” **said Rep. Frankel.** “This funding will help the Health Care District and Genesis Community Health expand and renovate their spaces to continue delivering exceptional care—including COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccination—to those who need it most.”

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has released nearly \$1 billion in awards from the [American Rescue Plan](#) for local clinics. The Health Care District of Palm Beach County will receive \$1,010,224 and Genesis Community Health will receive \$567,859 through this grant program.

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Supporting our Veterans

The House passed the Military Construction/VA appropriations bill.

- The bill provides \$279.9 billion, an increase of \$28.1 billion – more than 10 percent – above 2021.
- Congresswoman Frankel made several recommendations based on conversations with veterans, VSOs, advocates, and other groups. Some of the things that she championed support for include:
 - The Centers of Excellence for Student Veteran Success programs that help veterans transition from active duty to civilian student life.
 - The Service Dogs for PTSD Program to provide service dogs to Veterans with a mental health mobility disorder related to post-traumatic stress or traumatic brain injury.
 - Implementation of the Deborah Sampson Act, to expand access to comprehensive health care for women veterans and address sexual harassment and assault in VA facilities.

Further details on the bill [here](#).

Wounded Veterans Relief Fund

Wounded Veterans are offering dental services to qualified Florida veterans who are enrolled at their local VA Medical Center but are not eligible for the VA dental care. To see if you are eligible, you can call our office or Wounded Veterans Relief Fund at 561-855-4207 or visit info@wvrf.org

Veterans - Please Share Your Stories

The Congresswoman's office participates in the Library of Congress Veterans Project. We are looking for Veterans who want to share their stories and have them documented forever in the Library of Congress. If you are interested or want more information, please call Trevor Fleming in our District Office at 561-998-9045 or email him at Trevor.Fleming@mail.house.gov

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Please reach out to us if you need help with a federal agency or want to leave me your opinion.

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