



Frankly Speaking...

Giving Thanks During This Holiday Season

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. As we begin this holiday season, I want to wish everyone a
Healthy, Joyous & Peaceful New Year!

Rep. Frankel Honors 101-Year-Old Nuremberg Prosecutor with Bill to Award Congressional Gold Medal



West Palm Beach, FL— On Monday, November 22nd, Congresswoman Lois Frankel (D-FL-21) hosted a press conference with Benjamin Ferencz, the last living prosecutor of the Nuremberg trials. Rep. Frankel introduced a bipartisan bill to award Mr. Ferencz the Congressional Gold Medal. This presser highlighted the bill and provided an opportunity to speak with Rep. Frankel and Mr. Ferencz.

Ferencz, who is 101 years old, has lived a life dedicated to the pursuit of international justice. During World War II, he fought in a U.S. Army artillery unit before being asked to collect evidence of Nazi war crimes. After the war, he was appointed Chief Prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials where he secured the conviction of 22 former Nazi SS officials for their direct roles in the systematic murder of over a million Jews. As the 86th anniversary of the Nuremberg trials approaches, this presser will focus on the historical triumphs of Mr. Ferencz's life, which is an inspiration to many and a reminder of the importance of keeping the horrors of the Holocaust from fading from our collective memory.

The Congressional Gold Medal is Congress' highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions by individuals or institutions. The bipartisan legislation is cosponsored by Representatives Joe Wilson (R-SC-02), Ted Deutch (D-FL-22), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12), Jim McGovern (D-MA-02), and Chris Smith (R-NJ-04).

Rep. Frankel Celebrates Signing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



Washington, DC – Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) released the following statement after attending President Biden’s Bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* signing ceremony at the White House.

“The *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* is a historic win for Florida and for all Americans,” said **Rep. Frankel**. “I was honored to be in attendance as President Joe Biden signed this legislation into law to create millions of good paying jobs, modernize our bridges, roads, and public transportation systems, and make historic investments in broadband, electric vehicles, green infrastructure and clean drinking water. I look forward to working to pass the rest of the Biden Administration’s Build Back Better Agenda soon. The bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework: Makes the largest federal investment in public transit ever;

- Makes the largest federal investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak;
- Makes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system;
- Makes the largest investment in clean drinking water and waste water infrastructure in American history, delivering clean water to millions of families;
- Makes high-speed internet accessible to all Americans;
- Makes the largest investment in clean energy transmission and electric vehicle infrastructure in history; electrifying thousands of school and transit buses across the country; and creating a new Grid Deployment Authority to build a resilient, clean, 21st century electric grid;
- Includes at least \$19 billion for Florida.
- Click [here](#) to see all the ways the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework will impact the nation.

Reps. Frankel, Wasserman Schultz, Crist, Garcia, Gallego, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Soto, Veasey Introduce LOCAL HEALTH Act

West Palm Beach, FL – Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21) held a virtual press conference with Representatives Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-23), Charlie Crist (FL-13), Hank Johnson (GA-04), and Darren Soto (FL-09) to introduce the *Let Our Cities and Local businesses Help Employees Achieve Long-Term Health (LOCAL HEALTH) Act*.

The Members were joined by **Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia**, who adopted a testing or vaccine requirement for city employees early on. She joined the Members to discuss why the protections that would be afforded by the *LOCAL HEALTH Act* are so important for local governments and businesses working to keep their workplaces safe.

The *LOCAL HEALTH Act* protects the ability of local governments, agencies, and private businesses to implement common sense public health and safety measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19. This includes requirements such as social distancing, masks, vaccination, and testing.

Multiple governors, including Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, and Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, have taken dangerous actions to limit the ability of local governments, businesses, and schools to use testing, vaccine and mask requirements to keep employees and customers safe. For example, Governor DeSantis recently called for a special session of the Florida State Legislature to pass legislation that would prohibit public agencies from requiring vaccines for employees and punish private businesses that require their employees be vaccinated.

Rep. Frankel Highlights New Funding for Internet Access in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

West Palm Beach, FL –Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21) hosted a virtual press conference to highlight new funding for high-speed internet in the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*.

Rep. Frankel was joined by:

- Adam Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Palm Beach County School District.
- Michael Butler, Director of Network Services, Palm Beach County.
- Archie Satchell, Chief Information Officer, Palm Beach County.
- Palm Beach County Vice Mayor Gregg Weiss
- Palm Beach County Assistant Administrator Todd Bonlarron



Internet access is a critical component of modern life, yet nearly 1 in 6 households in Florida do not have an internet subscription. Under President Biden’s recently signed bipartisan infrastructure law, Florida will receive at least \$100 million in funding to build out the infrastructure for high-speed internet access across the state and make it more affordable through a new the Affordability Connectivity Benefit. Thirty percent of Floridians will be eligible for this credit, which will amount to a \$30/month discount to help low-income families afford internet access.

The *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which was signed into law by President Biden on November 15th, is the largest investment in infrastructure in U.S. history. The \$1.2 trillion package will rebuild our roads and bridges, deliver clean drinking water to millions of families, expand high-speed internet, make historic improvements to public transit, and address the climate crisis.

Rep. Frankel Continues Listening to Local Constituents

The Congresswoman continues to safely meet virtually with constituents this month to hear what was most on their minds. She began with a meeting with her Veteran Advisory group to discuss veteran issues, then that evening met with some local moms to hear what keeps them up at night. She also met with local folks who provide services to those in need in our communities and with the Valencia Isles Israel Club. In addition, the Congresswoman’s staff held a County Resource Fair with local not for profits. Some of the agencies presented with a goal to ensure that everyone in need as well as other resource agencies were aware of how to find help with everything from food insecurity, to help paying rent, childcare, mental health resources and so much more. You can go the Congresswoman’s website at [Frankel.House.Gov](https://www.frankel.house.gov) to see the Resource Guide.

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



Congresswoman Frankel participating in the Veteran's Day Parade.

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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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