



## Frankly Speaking...

As we approach the end of summer, kids are back in school and families are settling back into routines. However, we must all remember that we are still in Hurricane Season. Be sure you have a plan and everything you may need in case of loss of electricity. For further information visit [ReadyPBC.com](https://www.readypsc.com)

### **MAKING TRAVEL PLANS? DO YOU HAVE YOUR PASSPORT AND IS IT CURRENT?**

With the holiday season fast approaching and people beginning to travel, it is important **BEFORE** you make your plans that you know if you need a passport and if you have one, if it is current for your trip. **Please note that you NEED A PASSPORT to travel to the Bahamas.**

If you apply by mail for a passport, you can pay an additional \$60 to expedite it. If you do pay to expedite, it could still take up to 6 weeks.

Like so many agencies during this pandemic, there is longer than usual wait times to get your passport so plan ahead and allow for extra time. All the information you will need is in the following link: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

Please read everything carefully as rules may be different if you are applying for a minor child then for yourself. Currently, the Miami Passport Agency is not accepting walk-ins.

**Please contact my local office with your concerns, comments, or if you need help with a federal agency:**

**561-998-9045.**

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## Rep. Frankel, Guests Celebrate House Passage of Legislation to Ban Assault Weapons, Call for Senate Action

Representative Lois Frankel hosted an in-person press conference to discuss the House-passed *Assault Weapons Ban of 2021*, which would prohibit the sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of semiautomatic assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and to call on the Senate to pass this critical bill.



### Rep. Frankel was joined by:

- Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormic (FL-20),
- Gail Schwartz, Chairperson of Ban Assault Weapons Now,
- Sam Schwartz, Recent Graduate of Dreyfoos School of the Arts, and Gun Violence Advocate.

AR-15 style firearms have become the weapon of choice for shooters because they are designed to kill as many people as quickly as possible, and, according to Everytown for Gun Safety, a federal assault weapon ban would decrease mass shooting deaths by 70 percent. The bill passed the House and now goes to the Senate for approval. Watch the conference [here](#).

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## Rep. Frankel Celebrates Social Security’s 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Promises to Protect it from Republican Attacks

Rep. Frankel commemorated the 87th Anniversary of Social Security, the most critical program for America’s seniors, and promised to fight to ensure its longevity despite continued attacks from Republicans.

“No one who spent their life working should retire into poverty. For 87 years Social Security has been a sacred promise to retired Americans that their lifetime of work wouldn’t go unnoticed or under-appreciated,” **said Rep. Frankel**. “Millions of older adults in Florida depend on Social Security to live out a healthy, comfortable, and dignified retirement. Democrats are committed to fighting against extreme Republican policies aimed at putting both Medicare and Social Security benefits on the chopping block hurting seniors and ruining the dreams of future generations of retirees.”

Nearly 5 million people rely on Social Security programs in Florida—including nearly 200,000 in Palm Beach County. Despite that, extreme MAGA Republicans have unveiled a plan to end Social Security and Medicare in five years.

In contrast to these dangerous efforts, Rep. Frankel [recently spoke](#) on the House Floor about a bill she sponsored, the *Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust Act*, which would protect, improve, and expand Social Security benefits for America’s seniors.

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## Rep. Frankel, Delray Beach Leaders Showcase New Local Programs to Prevent Senior Falls



Congresswoman Lois Frankel joined the Delray Beach Fire Rescue to discuss new fall prevention programs offered by the Department to help boost the safety of seniors in the Delray Beach Community. Rep. Frankel then followed the Department through a home safety survey demonstration to highlight the importance of these new fall prevention efforts.

Watch the press conference [here](#).

### Rep. Frankel was be joined by:

- Travis Franco, Assistant Chief Fire Marshal, Delray Beach Fire Rescue
- Joseph Duffy, Public Education Specialist, Delray Beach Fire Rescue

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 36 million older Americans report a fall each year, leading to 3 million emergency room visits and 32,000 tragic deaths. In fact, the Delray Beach Fire Rescue Department responds to more calls about senior falls than any other emergency. They currently offer free surveys to help seniors assess their safety at home and recently launched a residential lockbox program to make it easier for emergency responders to reach seniors who have fallen as quickly as possible.

Earlier this year, Rep. Frankel helped convene an Appropriations Committee hearing on healthy aging and fall prevention. She also championed millions of dollars in new and expanded federal funding for various fall prevention programs.

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## On Women’s Equality Day, Rep. Frankel, Local OBGYN Blasted New State Abortion Bans Threatening Women’s Equality

Representative Lois Frankel hosted a press conference focused on how women’s equality is backsliding with extreme abortion bans across the country—including Florida. She was joined by Dr. Melanie Bone, OBGYN. They discussed how threatened imprisonment for doctors performing abortions is affecting access to healthcare and women’s ability to make personal healthcare decisions that affect their lives and futures.

Last spring, Governor DeSantis signed a law that bans abortions in Florida after 15 weeks with no exceptions for rape or incest and punishes doctors who perform abortions with up



to 5 years in prison. The Governor has promised further restrictions. Watch the discussion [here](#).

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## Rep. Frankel Statement on President Biden Forgiving Student Loans for Millions of Americans

Congresswoman Lois Frankel released the following statement after President Biden announced plans to cancel up to \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for borrowers earning less than \$125,000 or households earning less than \$250,000. The Administration will also cancel up to \$20,000 for Pell Grant recipients, as well as extend the student loan payment pause until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

“Today is a great day for the millions of Americans who have been drowning in student loan debt,” **said Rep. Frankel**. “A college education should bring prosperity, not the crushing burden of a lifetime of debt.”

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## Rep. Frankel Statement on House Passage of The Inflation Reduction Act

Congresswoman Lois Frankel released the following statement after voting to pass the *Inflation Reduction Act*, a Democrat-led package that will lower costs for working families across America.

"Putting people over politics, Democrats have taken bold action to bring down the kitchen table costs – from health care premiums to prescription drug costs to energy prices – while closing tax loopholes and paying down the deficit,” **said Rep. Frankel**.

The *Inflation Reduction Act* contains many Democratic priorities, including:

- Reducing the cost of health care for millions by extending expanded Affordable Care Act subsidies until 2025,
- Capping insulin costs at \$35 a month for people on Medicare,
- Allowing Medicare to negotiate the price of prescription drugs,
- Out-of-pocket drug costs capped at \$2,000 for people on Medicare,
- Combatting the climate crisis by reducing carbon pollution by 40 percent by 2030,
- Lowering energy costs and advancing energy security,
- Fighting inflation by allocating an historic \$300 billion for deficit reduction,
- Making big corporations pay their fair share while protecting small businesses and families making less than \$400,000 from getting hit with new taxes.

President Biden signed the bill into law on August 16.

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## Rep. Frankel Gallery



Rep. Frankel with members of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Rep. Frankel meeting Meaghan Trust, a local advocate for the Epilepsy Foundation.



Rep. Frankel with the American Jewish Congress.

Rep. Frankel with AARP leaders.

