

The Florida House of Representatives

Representative Geraldine Thompson District 44

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis Governor of Florida Executive Office of the Governor 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Floridians are pleading for help from their elected officials due to the continuing economic hardships resulting from COVID-19. Many find themselves in very precarious situations; they have lost their jobs, been furloughed, or had their work hours reduced. I hear stories from my constituents on a daily basis. They tell me about the lack of job opportunities, their fear of becoming homeless, and the hopelessness they feel. Major employers continue to announce layoffs. COVID-19 continues to harm the people of Florida and they need our assistance to get through these difficult, uncertain times. We are in the midst of a global pandemic, which seems likely to remain with us for the foreseeable future, and our neighbors are scared for their families. Floridians should not be forced to fight these battles alone. We need to provide assistance to support them for the next few months.

I am requesting that you amend Executive Order 20-211 (20-180) to protect <u>all</u> primary residences, not just single-family homeowners. This proposed change protects thousands of people who own and live in multi-family properties and condos. Amending the Executive Order will be very significant in providing relief to those who have been impacted by the pandemic. We must assist Floridians to help put food on their tables and to keep a roof over their heads during these hard times.

My proposal will give Floridians some much needed relief from the daily stress and fear of living through the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and I look forward to your immediate response to help the people of the great state of Florida.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Thompson

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