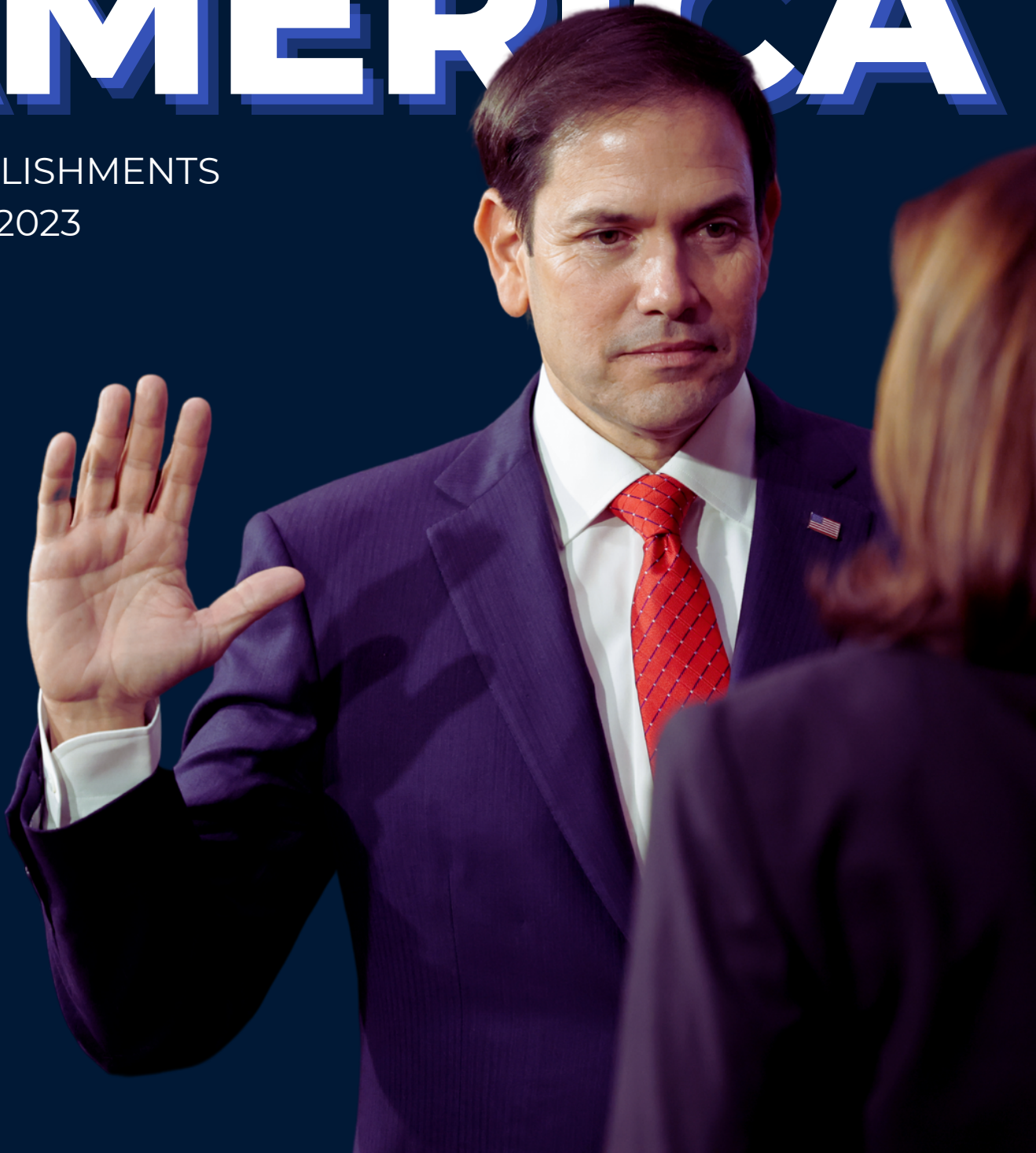


U.S. SENATOR MARCO RUBIO

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WELCOME LETTER

Dear friends:

This was a year of economic hardship and social turmoil. It's far from the first time Americans have seen such upheaval, but familiar doesn't mean easy.

The Biden Administration has tried to downplay the difficulty. We've seen the president talk about Americans' struggles as routine or merely imagined. But no amount of talk can reverse soaring grocery bills, the worst housing market since 1984, a record-high suicide rate, and a border that is open to fentanyl, lawless migrants, and scheming terrorists alike.

Meanwhile, privileged college students have come out in support of murderers and genocidal maniacs. If it feels like an all-out assault on American values, that's because it is. It's a vicious waypoint in the decades-long rise of cultural Marxism.

However, even with these struggles, I wouldn't want to live anywhere else in the world. And thankfully, Americans from across the political spectrum are responding to each of these challenges with energy, clarity, and "firmness in the right," to quote President Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address. We are living through a full-scale political realignment that will shape our country for the next generation.

As Floridians grapple with our nation's future, it's important that Congress continue to do its work on their behalf. That's why, no matter how crazy the world gets, my staff and I remain committed to public service.

This year, that meant joining Hurricane Idalia relief efforts and getting approximately 6,500 Floridians' passports approved—a record number amid record State Department backlogs. It also meant passing bills to expand care for veterans' families, strengthen our space program, protect international ports from terrorists, and more.

Through it all, I remain eager—and humbled—to fight for you in the U.S. Senate. More challenges surely await us, but if we work together, I know we can overcome them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Rubio".

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GETTING THINGS DONE.

“SECOND MOST EFFECTIVE
REPUBLICAN SENATOR & THIRD
MOST EFFECTIVE SENATOR
OVERALL.”

CENTER FOR EFFECTIVE
LAWMAKING



NEW LAWS

Despite a difficult legislative environment, Senator Rubio continued to get things done for the country and for Florida.

JOINT RESOLUTION REQUIRING SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT FOR NATO WITHDRAWAL

When Russia invaded Ukraine, it emphasized the importance of America's primary alliance, NATO. A strong Europe—one that meets its security obligations—is a crucial asset against great-power competitors in the region. It is critical that our European partners take the lead in their defense, which allows us to focus more attention and resources on countering Communist China. This Rubio co-led effort prohibits U.S. withdrawal from NATO absent the advice and consent of the Senate.

ENHANCING SPACEPORT OPERATIONS ACT

Dominance in space is key to securing America's continued safety and economic security. Crucial to our current success is a robust private sector that willingly partners with the federal government. To streamline that cooperation, Rubio's new law provides authority for the Space Force to effectively support its commercial launch providers. This will empower the Space Force to better compete with China and Russia in the space domain.

INTERNATIONAL PORT SECURITY ENFORCEMENT ACT

The Biden Administration's obsession with restoring ties to Cuba's criminal regime led to some concerning decisions this year, including inviting regime officials to tour American Coast Guard facilities. This is a glaring threat to our national security. Rubio's new law prohibits state sponsors of terrorism (e.g., the Cuban dictatorship) and terrorist organizations from participating in our nation's port security protocol programs.

RACHAEL BOOTH ACT

Rubio has a long history of successfully fighting for service members and their families. Previously, when a military service member's dependents became victims of domestic abuse, they were eligible for assistance to transition to financial independence—but only if the service member were discharged for the abuse, not for another offense. Rubio built a bipartisan coalition to fix this glaring problem, which predominantly impacts women. His new law—named after a Florida constituent who found herself without her main source of financial support when her husband was convicted of domestic abuse in a civilian court, but discharged from the military on an unrelated offense—will ensure military dependents get the assistance they deserve.



POLICY IMPACTS

Rubio also made substantive impacts on national policy outside the legislative process. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the United States' relationship with Communist China.

Rubio has warned of the threat posed by Beijing for years. In 2019, he pointed out that the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (FRTIB) was steering the retirement dollars of federal employees, including military service members, into Chinese companies building weapons to kill American troops.

Rubio hammered the FRTIB for this shortsighted decision time and time again. He worked across party lines to legislate against it. But the FRTIB persisted in putting the success of its portfolios over the long-term success of our country.

This year, that finally changed. On November 15, 2023, Rubio announced that the FRTIB had reformed its policies to acknowledge that the risks of directing federal employees' retirement funds to blacklisted Chinese companies far outweigh the benefits.

This adds to Rubio's long list of China victories, which include banning the importation of slave-made goods from Xinjiang, prohibiting government equipment licenses for Chinese tech, and sanctioning human rights offenders in Hong Kong.

No one in Congress is stronger on this issue. To quote the *Miami Herald* editorial board, "Rubio is an expert" with a "deeper understanding of the threat China poses to the United States."



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INVESTING IN CHINA**



RESEARCH AND REPORTS

This year, Rubio released groundbreaking research that drove national conversations on international affairs, domestic policy, and culture.

In May, he published a 329-page report analyzing obscure Chinese government documents. This report and the documentary that accompanied it unveiled clear evidence that COVID-19 originated at the Beijing-backed Wuhan Institute of Virology—and that the Chinese Communist Party knew about the virus before the rest of the world.

In one reporter's words, this research contained "some of the most chilling revelations we've heard to date."

In June, Rubio partnered with Representative Brian Mast (R-FL) on "Diversity over Diplomacy," a report explaining how the State Department has prioritized Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility fads at the expense of its mission to build international relationships and protect our national security.

Finally, Rubio's Labor Day report, titled, "The State of the Working (and Non-Working) Man," made waves by chronicling the disappearance of family-wage jobs, the exploding cost of middle-class goods, and the mass exit of men from the labor force over the past half-century. It received interest from sources as diverse as *Fox News* and the *Miami Herald*.



LEADING AMERICA THROUGH

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

“SENATOR RUBIO HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT TO BEING THE BEST PUBLIC SERVANT FOR HIS CONSTITUENTS IN FLORIDA. HE IS HELPING TO RESTORE TRUST AND FAITH THAT OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS CAN WORK.”

CONGRESSIONAL
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(CMF)



ANNUAL CHALLENGES

Every year, Rubio's team of caseworkers helps tens of thousands of Floridians solve problems, from issues as mundane as finding the appropriate federal agency contact to cases as complicated as survivor death benefits.

2023 featured two unique challenges: a hurricane that struck the Big Bend region of northern Florida and the most backlogged year for passport approvals in the State Department's living memory.

Rubio's team was in the trenches on both accounts. Staff members hosted mobile office hours in Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, and Suwannee Counties to assist residents filing for FEMA assistance and appeals. And they put in the time and effort to deliver countless passports to Floridians whose travel plans were jeopardized by the federal government's own logjam.



A portrait of Senator Marco Rubio, smiling, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue and red striped tie. The background is a solid dark blue.

BY THE NUMBERS

82,000

CONSTITUENTS ASSISTED
DURING RUBIO'S FIRST
TWO TERMS IN OFFICE

**OVER
22,000**

IN 2023 ALONE
A 10% INCREASE
FROM 2022

**105,000
TOTAL
CASES**

85.5%

SATISFACTION RATING
DEMONSTRATING
TEAM RUBIO'S
EFFECTIVENESS &
COMPASSION

Senator Rubio's constituent services team members are solving problems for the people of Florida every single day. That is why the CMF recognized their tireless dedication and unparalleled compassion as a model for the rest of Congress.

CONSTITUENT VOICES

AS IMPRESSIVE AS THE STATISTICS ARE, HOWEVER, CONSTITUENT SERVICE ISN'T ABOUT NUMBERS. IT'S ABOUT SERVING THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED RUBIO TO REPRESENT THEM IN WASHINGTON AND HELP THEM NAVIGATE AN INCREDIBLY COMPLICATED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

HERE'S WHAT REAL PEOPLE HAD TO SAY ABOUT EXPERIENCES WITH THE RUBIO TEAM:

"After waiting nearly 10 weeks and losing countless hours on the phone with the State Department, your intervention solved the situation within 72 hours.... This had a huge impact on my professional life, as I was unable to make several important trips and am now able to travel again for my business."

– David, who needed help getting a passport

"We have been waiting for this miracle for years.... People like you are the ones this country really needs."

– Yunier, who needed help with green card status

"I was hopeless about making my sister's wedding, but because of your assistance, I am now able to attend and be a part of her special day.... Thank you...for everything you do for our community."

– Marice, who needed help getting a passport

"Thank you for your assistance in getting me my FEMA hotel reimbursement related to being displaced by Hurricane Nicole.... Clearly, it would not have happened without your intervention."

– Ronald

"I've tried over three decades to get this information. Because of your work, I can now appeal my denied claims. Thank you so much. You have made my day, week, month, year, and decade."

– Gordon, who needed information for a VA claim





"I have always been proud to serve my country, but navigating the complex process of filing a claim with the VA can be overwhelming. Your office's expertise and dedication to helping veterans like me have made all the difference in securing the benefits I deserve."

– Timothy

"It feels like there are few good people in politics nowadays, and you are one of those good people. Great thanks to you and your staff for your support with this."

– Ryan,
who needed
help getting
a passport

"I honestly did not expect a response and was thinking this was a long shot. This is the first time a politician has actually assisted me and my family."

– Hernan, who needed
help getting a passport

"When I reached out, I assumed my email would just get lost in the thousands of emails that you probably get. I was just a little guy having a little problem obtaining a passport. Thank you for not making me feel like nothing. Thank you for taking the time to help one person."

– Dennis

"I joined the military to fight for our country after September 11th, and for 20 years, I gave everything I had. When I retired, I was left on an island and still dealing with the repercussions of that service. Your office restored my faith in our leaders and has given me my spirit back."

– Justin

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