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Welcome Letter

Dear Friends:

The past 12 months have been incredibly difficult for our nation. As we emerged from a global pandemic, we were hit with staggering inflation, a supply chain crisis, chaos at our southern border, and the rise of cultural Marxism.

While there are no easy solutions to the challenges we face, it seems that President Joe Biden is doing everything possible to make things worse. His socialist spending spree is supercharging inflation. He refuses to be tough on China, a nation that took our jobs and sent us the coronavirus. He takes resources away from our border patrol agents. And he continues to give cover to the radical Marxists who seek to cancel and silence any American who disagrees with their extremist agenda.

This is the state of America right now—it is what I am fighting against every single day in Washington. But even amid the partisanship and insanity in Washington, I have a responsibility to the people of Florida, who elected me to get things done on their behalf.

One of my highest priorities is making sure my staff and I are available to help Floridians with whatever federal assistance they may need. During the early days of the pandemic, we helped thousands of Floridians who were stranded outside the country. In a sign of how quickly things change, the most common request we received this year was to help Floridians renew their passports so they could travel abroad.

Overall, my federal casework team helped nearly 20,000 Floridians in 2021. They helped seniors work through bureaucracy, ensuring they received the Social Security and Medicare benefits they paid into for decades. They helped veterans secure the benefits they earned. They helped the unemployed and homeless. They continue to help Floridians impacted by hurricanes. The list goes on because, ultimately, that is what public service is all about—helping constituents.

Over the past year, I saw firsthand how a federal government that works for families and small businesses, instead of big corporations and Wall Street, makes a real difference.

After battling big corporations and even the Biden Administration, my Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act finally became law. The new law will crack down on businesses that use slave labor in China, making it nearly impossible to import their products into our country. It is a major step towards holding the Chinese Communist Party accountable for their horrific acts, but also reorienting our economic priorities.

My Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)—an unprecedented forgivable loan program managed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) that was designed to keep employees on the payroll during the initial public health lockdown in 2020—continues to help small Florida small businesses and their employees.

Every week, I hear from someone who was able to stay in business thanks to the program. It helped employers train their employees and build up inventory. Many businesses are now thriving because of the PPP, despite the economic headwinds from Washington. Overall, more than 1 million forgivable loans were made to Florida small businesses through the program, supporting approximately 6 million jobs throughout the state.

We also marked a milestone in our efforts to restore the Everglades with the completion of the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area Project in Martin County. After securing yet another year of record funding, I am more confident than ever that we are well on our way to restoring and protecting Florida's critical ecosystems.

Welcome Letter

I have also heard from veterans that the improvements we made to their healthcare system in 2017 are finally paying dividends. When my VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act became law in 2017, I promised it would bring about a new era of accountability to a deeply flawed bureaucracy. Now, Florida veterans are saying, “it’s gotten a heck of a lot better now for all of us veterans.”

We still have more work to do, though. One of the most pressing challenges is making sure veterans suffering from exposure to toxic burn pits receive the care they deserve. I will keep fighting until my bipartisan Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act becomes law. When we send our soldiers into battle, they depart with the understanding that they will be taken care of when they return home. I intend to fulfill that promise.

In 2015, Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry made me aware of horrendous housing conditions at Eureka Gardens, a federally contracted apartment complex. Over the past few years, we worked to cancel the slumlord’s federal contract, find a new owner, and revitalize the apartments. This August, I attended the grand opening of the new complex, now known as Valencia Way, which will treat its tenants with the dignity and respect they deserve.

I understand Washington looks dysfunctional these days. But we have accomplished some incredible victories that make Florida stronger and America safer. We’ve changed federal law to ensure children battling cancer have access to innovative and promising treatment options. We’ve cracked down on unscrupulous treatment homes that were taking advantage of opioid addicts. And we passed new laws to keep our children safe in school.

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the people of Florida. I hope this report serves as a marker of what has been accomplished on behalf of Floridians this past year. As you read it, remember that my team and I work for you.

Sincerely,
Marco Rubio



Getting Things Done

Over the past five years, Senator Marco Rubio has been one of the most effective and impactful lawmakers in Congress. The Center for Effective Lawmaking (CEL), an initiative of the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University, ranked Rubio as the most effective Republican senator. A nonpartisan analysis produced by GovTrack ranked Rubio as the Senate's second top leader in 2020 and 2019. The same analysis found he was the fourth top leader in 2018 and fifth top leader in 2017. Those are not just numbers – they show that Rubio is a senator who achieves real results for the people of Florida and for the nation.

Landmark Laws

While Senator Rubio has authored dozens of laws over the past four years, several stand out as truly transformative for Florida and the nation.

Paycheck Protection Program

Working with his colleagues as the coronavirus pandemic began to cripple America's economy, Rubio developed an unprecedented and historic forgivable loan program to keep employees on the payroll and smooth the way for the safe reopening of America's small businesses. By nearly every estimate, the Paycheck Protection Program was the most effective component of the federal government's economic response, delivering more than \$800 billion to millions of small businesses. According to one expert, it was "the single most effective fiscal policy ever undertaken by the United States Government." In Florida alone, the program supported more than 6.1 million jobs and pumped \$50 billion into the economy.

VA Accountability Act

Rubio's Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act ushered in a new era of accountability. "Credit is due to Senator Marco Rubio for championing this bill," said Concerned Veterans for America. The Veterans of Foreign Wars "saluted" Rubio and praised the bill for sending an "unmistakable signal to all employees that maintaining the status quo no longer works for those who have borne the battle." The new law gave the VA secretary the power to fire bad employees and to protect whistleblowers who come forward. Now, Florida veterans are saying, "it's gotten a heck of a lot better now for all of us veterans."

Everglades Restoration

The New York Times called Rubio "the national park's most vigorous champion in the Senate." It goes back to 2016 when Oklahoma Senator Jim Inhofe, then chairman of a critical Senate committee, wrote in the Miami Herald that his opposition to federal funding for Everglades restoration "has since changed, largely in part to my friend and colleague Sen. Marco Rubio." Securing passage of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) greenlit new projects in support of restoration goals. Rubio's efforts are paying off, with 2021 marking a milestone in Rubio's efforts: the completion of the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area Project in Martin County.



Child Tax Credit

Passing pro-family policy is never easy in Washington, but as the Miami Herald reported in 2017, "Rubio had his own leverage to exert" in his fight for Florida's families. He used that leverage to give every working family a tax cut by expanding the size of the Child Tax Credit. One independent analysis found that lower-income communities benefited significantly from the expanded and newly refundable Child Tax Credit. "[F]or Mr. Rubio, it was a natural extension of the promise he believes the Republican Party had made, and was in danger of abandoning, to look out for the little guy," the New York Times wrote.

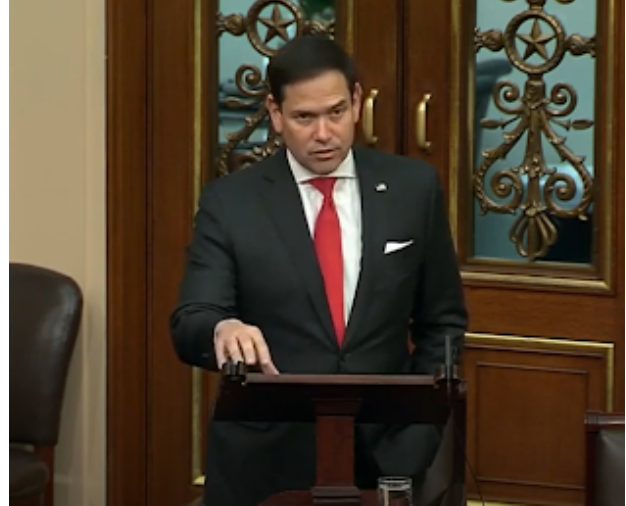
Getting Things Done

In Depth: New Laws

Despite the partisanship and insanity in Washington this year, Senator Rubio continued to get things done for the people of Florida and the nation.

Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act

Rubio's Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act will prohibit companies from importing products into the United States if they were made with slave labor in China. The commonsense bill stalled in the House in 2021, with the Washington Post reporting, "Biden administration officials have been quietly telling lawmakers to slow down." In December, the New York Times reported that a "fresh burst of momentum behind the proposal came after Senator Marco Rubio, Republican of Florida, held up the annual defense bill, demanding that his version of the forced labor legislation get a vote." Ultimately, Rubio was able to force the bill through Congress and to the president's desk. It marks one of the most significant changes in America's trade relationship with China in decades.



Secure Equipment Act

As the top Republican on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Rubio understands the danger posed by the Chinese Communist Party infiltrating America's telecommunications networks. Forbes called Rubio's Secure Equipment Act, which became law in October, a "critically important legislation." The acting chair of the Federal Communications Commission said the new law will "improve our safety as a nation by ensuring that untrustworthy communications equipment is not authorized for use within our borders."



Getting Things Done

RENACER Act

Rubio's influence on America's foreign policy in Latin America is well known. The Miami Herald ran a piece in 2019 titled, "The Rubio doctrine: U.S. recognition of new Venezuelan leader is Florida senator's work."



This year was no different, as Rubio's Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform (RENACER) Act became law in November. The new law sent a clear message of support to the Nicaraguan people and gave the administration new tools to hold the repressive regime of Daniel Ortega, and his family, accountable.

Seminole Tribe

"Senator Rubio's leadership in moving the [S.108] bill through the Senate is invaluable in our efforts to diversify and provide for future generations of Seminole tribal members," said Seminole Tribe Chairman Marcellus Osceola, Jr. This new law will allow the Seminole Tribe of Florida's investment fund to purchase, lease, and sell commercial real estate properties to create generational wealth for the Tribe and its members. "Removing this paternalist, decades-old restriction on the Seminole Tribe is long overdue," Rubio said.

National Flood Insurance Program Extension

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is critical to the state of Florida. In the midst of Washington dysfunction, the program was slated to expire in September 2021. Working with his colleagues, Rubio secured an extension of the program. "A lapse in coverage would be devastating for Floridians and people in flood-prone communities across the country," Rubio said at the time. "Now, we need to focus on securing long-lasting, bipartisan reforms to ensure flood insurance remains affordable and accessible to Florida families."



Federal Contractor COVID Relief Extension

Florida is home to countless small businesses that work with the federal government, performing services ranging from mundane administration to complex manufacturing. For many, those contracts are the difference between paying employees and going out of business. That is why Rubio worked with his colleagues to ensure that certain contractors—particularly small businesses that provide highly specialized capabilities to our national security industrial base—were reimbursed if they were not able to access their worksites during the public health lockdowns.

Leading During Crisis

Florida has seen its share of traumatic events over the past several years. Legislation often takes months, if not years, to become law, and many in Washington forget about problems once the cameras go away. Senator Marco Rubio used every lever at his disposal to force immediate action, lay the groundwork for continued recovery, and take commonsense steps to prevent future crises.

Afghanistan Withdrawal

When the Taliban captured Kabul in August 2020, thousands—if not tens of thousands—of American citizens, visa holders, and allies were left stranded. Senator Rubio’s staff found themselves on the phone with desperate families who were being hunted down by the Taliban.

Some of those cases had a happy ending, with individuals being safely evacuated from Afghanistan and relocated to an allied country. For example, Rubio’s office helped evacuate the Afghanistan National Youth Women’s Soccer Team, which faced severe threats under Taliban rule. Rubio’s office also assisted with the safe evacuation and resettlement of Meena Karimi, the Afghanistan National Institute of Music’s star cellist. The Romulus T. Weatherman Foundation “thank[ed] Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and his staff—both in Washington and Florida—for [their] considerable ongoing constituency services.”

Rubio’s office also helped secure the safe departure of a high-ranking member of the Afghan National Police and his family. He had been a close ally of the United States and previously attended the FBI’s training academy. Staff worked with his former classmates to help secure his evacuation. Rubio’s office also helped a South Florida family finalize the adoption of a boy from Afghanistan in the midst of the evacuation.

Unfortunately, given the situational chaos and complete dysfunction of the State Department, not every story had a happy ending. A constituent contacted Rubio’s office about his former interpreter, who was trying to leave the country with his wife. Rubio’s office worked to get the couple approved for evacuation, but they were killed in the Abbey Gate bombing while on their way to the airport. The office had also obtained evacuation approval for other families who were intercepted and turned around by the Taliban while trying to reach the airport.

Despite these tragedies, Rubio’s team helped hundreds of families. That work covered everything from making sure people were approved for evacuation and securing embassy appointments in third countries to literally giving directions while looking at maps online. We continue to diligently provide assistance to our allies in Afghanistan who still find themselves in harm’s way.

Surfside Building Collapse

Senator Rubio and his team were on the ground hours after the partial collapse of Champlain Towers South in Surfside. As search and rescue efforts continued, Rubio and his team began working with the State Department to expedite emergency travel visas for family members of those who were missing in the rubble.



As rescue turned to recovery, Rubio and his team continued to connect survivors with federal resources. Rubio also secured a commitment from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that payments given by charitable organizations or members of the public to victims in response to the tragic collapse will be tax exempt.

Leading During Crisis

Coronavirus

“Where you find humans in crisis, you also find humans willing to help. And we will devote the rest of this hour to those running towards the fire,” declared a CBS documentary on the coronavirus pandemic. “We begin with Marco Rubio. The Cuban-American Florida Republican Senator is a lead author of the Paycheck Protection Program, which is designed to be a lifeline for companies struggling amid the pandemic.”

Small Business Relief.

When he was chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Rubio worked with his colleagues to create an unprecedented and historic forgivable loan program to keep employees on the payroll and smooth the way for the safe reopening of America’s small businesses. “Almost immediately we had a meeting of the minds that we wanted to have money go out quickly,” said Senator Ben Cardin, the top Democrat on the Small Business Committee. In less than a month, small businesses had access to a critical lifeline.



“Rubio went all-in on [the] small-business program that has become the centerpiece of an economic-revival push,” reported the Washington Post. All told, \$800 billion went to millions of small businesses. According to one expert, it was “the single most effective fiscal policy ever undertaken by the United States Government.”

An analysis by the Brookings Institution found the PPP “succeeded in its short-run goals, including helping smaller firms withstand sharp revenue declines during the shutdown and keeping workers connected to their employers.”



In Florida alone, the program supported more than 6.1 million jobs and pumped \$50 billion into the economy.

Health and Safety.

Six months before the coronavirus came to America, key Rubio priorities were included in the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act (PAHPAI), which became law. In 2017, he identified a weakness in our nation’s medical response capabilities stemming from a critical shortage of medical response personnel in the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). Because of the new law, the Department of Health and Human Services was able to increase the number of NDMS personnel by nearly 60 percent. These healthcare workers proved to be a vital lifeline for states and localities that experienced spikes in COVID-19 cases.

Leading During Crisis

Assisting Constituents.

Rubio's award-winning casework team helped thousands of Floridians with coronavirus-related problems ranging from unemployment insurance and small business relief issues to being stranded abroad as countries around the globe locked down.



"My sincere and heartfelt gratitude [goes out to you] as you were the only team that kept me updated and constantly requested status on my behalf."

– Lilian,
whose father and mother-in-law were
stranded in Honduras

"Senator Rubio, I just wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude [for] helping me with this issue. You got it done and it has helped me get back on my feet and help revive small business in this state!"

– Klaron

"I would like to ... thank you very much for all you have done in helping me with my federal pandemic unemployment assistance."

– Vickie

"This saved my financial life, Senator, and I'm so, so very grateful to you and your staff."

– Lori

Leading During Crisis

Opioid Crisis

Florida ranks second in the nation for overdose deaths. This isn't just a statistic—it is real pain for families that have had their lives torn apart by drug addiction and devastation caused by opioids, especially fentanyl.

Senator Rubio took action in 2018 after visiting sober home neighborhoods in South Florida and meeting with local officials to discuss Florida's challenges with opioids, including illicit sober homes and insurance fraud. After overcoming Washington-based special interests, his two bipartisan bills—the Eliminating Kickbacks in Recovery Act and the Sober Home Fraud Detection Act—were included in the landmark opioid law enacted that year.

Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg, who led the Sober Homes Task Force in South Florida, praised Rubio for “empower[ing] federal prosecutors to go after corrupt kickbacks to patient brokers.”

Rubio also championed the bipartisan INTERDICT Act, which became law that same year. The new law provided U.S. Customs and Border Protection with high-tech chemical screening devices to detect and stop illicit drugs, such as fentanyl, from crossing into the U.S. from places like Mexico and China.



Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting

The 2018 Valentine's Day massacre of 17 students and teachers in Parkland shocked the nation. During a nationally televised town hall attended by 7,000 people, Senator Rubio promised to “work with people that may not agree with us” to “make sure that one of these events never happens again in any community in this country.”



In March 2018, just five weeks after the shooting, Rubio's bipartisan Student, Teachers and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act became law. In addition to strengthening security infrastructure and providing training to students, teachers, and officers, the new law made federal grants available to develop and operate threat assessment and intervention teams. Those teams will enable better coordination on addressing threats between law enforcement and school personnel. Rubio said the families and friends of the Parkland shooting victims have “done more in five weeks on gun violence than has been done in 15 years.”

Leading During Crisis

Hurricane Response and Recovery

While the 2021 hurricane season was relatively quiet, recovery from hurricanes Irma, Maria, Michael, and Sally continued. With a key spot on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Rubio delivered for Americans in Florida and Puerto Rico as they recover and rebuild.

Recovery Assistance Centers.

After major disasters, Rubio's state team hosts comprehensive Recovery Assistance Centers (RAC) to connect Floridians with the federal resources they need to recover and rebuild. First started after Hurricane Irma in 2017, the RACs have become indispensable. Rubio's state team also hosts clinics to provide constituents with access to FEMA resources and information.

Disaster Recovery.

Time and time again, Rubio successfully pushed for a Major Disaster Declaration after tragedy struck. The federal designation unlocked additional federal resources, including both Public and Individual Assistance, for impacted communities. Using his seat on the Appropriations Committee, Rubio and his team worked to secure additional federal funding for communities recovering and rebuilding. That is especially true for efforts to rebuild Tyndall Air Force Base. Thanks to Rubio's efforts, the Air Force plans to make Tyndall the home to three new squadrons of F-35 fighters. As Rubio said at the time, it is "great news not only for national security, but also for the people of Florida."



FLASHBACK >>>>

Back in 2018, Rubio was on the ground immediately after Hurricane Michael devastated vast swaths of Florida's panhandle region. More than a dozen members of his team went door to door assisting residents. After meeting 90-year old widow Vera Shuck, who was given just seven days' notice that she had to vacate her damaged building, the entire team pitched in to help her move from Panama City to Port St. Joe. "These people have been a Godsend to us," Mrs. Shuck told the local news.

A year later, Rubio's team and airmen from Tyndall Air Force Base volunteered their time to move Mrs. Shuck back to her newly repaired Panama City apartment. "It's just indescribable. I can't really say. I'm so excited," Shuck told the local news.



Leading During Crisis

Western Hemisphere

Rubio's influence on America's foreign policy in Latin America is well known. The Miami Herald ran a piece on "the Rubio doctrine," and the New York Times ran a piece headlined, "On Venezuela, Rubio Assumes U.S. Role of Ouster in Chief."

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Petare, a slum in Caracas, Venezuela, where violent protests have erupted challenging the legitimacy of Nicolás Maduro's presidency. Meridith Kohut for The New York Times

Cuba.

Nowhere are Rubio's efforts more pronounced than in U.S. foreign policy toward Cuba.



He helped shape Cuba policy during the Trump Administration, with the Miami Herald writing, "Marco Rubio has the president's ear on Latin America." Even under the Biden Administration, Rubio's presence continues to be felt as he pushes U.S. policymakers to stand up for the Cuban people and support the Patria y Vida movement.



Rubio even introduced legislation named after the movement, which would provide uncensored internet access to the island.

Venezuela.

The international effort to restore democracy and stability in Venezuela is ongoing, but Rubio contributed by co-authoring the Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance, and Development (VERDAD) Act of 2019, which provides \$400 million in humanitarian aid to support Venezuelan refugees, codifies crucial sanctions against the corrupt Maduro regime, and advances the coordinated international effort for a post-Maduro Venezuela.



Nicaragua.

Rubio has also been influential in shaping U.S. policy toward Nicaragua, which continues to slip toward authoritarianism under the Ortega regime. In 2018, Rubio's Nicaraguan Investment and Conditionality Act became law, triggering sanctions against Nicaraguan officials responsible for ongoing human rights abuses and corruption. And in 2021, Rubio's Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform (RENACER) Act became law.

Putting Floridians First

Not a day goes by when Senator Marco Rubio's constituent services team is not solving problems for the people of Florida. That is why the nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation (CMF) recognized their tireless dedication and unparalleled compassion as a model for the rest of Congress. "As a Democracy Award winner," CMF said, "Sen. Rubio has made a significant commitment to being the best public servant for his constituents in Florida" and is "helping to restore trust and faith that our democratic institutions can work."

By the Numbers

Every year, Senator Rubio's team of caseworkers helps tens of thousands of Floridians with requests as mundane as finding the appropriate federal agency contact to cases as complicated as employment and travel authorizations.

Overall, the team assisted more than 62,000 Floridians over the past five years.

In 2021, constituent services **opened and closed 21,000 new cases, more than ever before** and an 18 percent increase over 2020's load. The case subjects ranged from Social Security and Medicare to veterans affairs and passport services. **Rubio's team received a satisfaction rating of 87.5 percent from constituents,** demonstrating their effectiveness and hard work.

Constituents' Voices

As impressive as the statistics are, constituent service isn't about numbers—it is about serving the people who elected Senator Rubio to represent them in Washington and helping them navigate an incredibly complex federal government.

"Thank you for your intervention in my obtaining a passport. Frankly, I don't think without your inquiry that I would have been approved."

– Joanne

"I cannot thank you enough for your assistance. You have saved our wedding! I also wanted to tell you how wonderful your staff member has been to us."

– Donald

"I was able to renew my passport this morning in record time. Thank you ... Senator Rubio again for all of your help. You will have literally saved several lives with your assistance!"

– Ruben,
a doctor who was traveling abroad to operate on three unborn babies.



"I would like to thank Senator Marco Rubio and his office for helping me [obtain] my US passport in order to assist [with] a funeral of my family member. I was able to support my family in this difficult time. I never thought that someone in the government could help me, now after this, I have changed my opinion about it. Thank you so very much for your help!! God bless you and your team."

– Monica

Putting Floridians First

"I wish to thank you and your staff for the assistance given me to secure my father's benefits thru the VA. It is fairly certain that, without your aid, the claim would have continued languishing. My family and I have been pursuing this for almost a year without any end in sight. We are most grateful for your diligence."

– Sheryl,
who helped her 96-year old
veteran father receive his pension

"My brother Danny has been awarded VA financial assistance. I can't thank you and your staff enough for the support and encouragement you have given. Two weeks ago Dan was diagnosed with stage four Melanoma. I feel blessed that even though he has lost assistance from [children and family], the VA has stepped in to provide for his ability to remain at his assisted living facility and [receive] Hospice, which will see him through to end of life."

– Danny's sister

"After securing an attorney along with the letters your staff sent out we made success on 02 February 2021. Eric got his full honors! Finally for the first time in 4 years I can feel peace[,] and the heavy weight that was rested upon my shoulders knowing what happened to Eric was incredibly wrong and dishonorable [has been lifted]. ... I had made multiple attempts to reach out to others in Congress ... but it would seem that no one but your staff cared; your staff was the only one who personally called me to send their regards for Eric's passing. For that I am forever grateful."

– Anne
from New Mexico, who lost her
husband to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

"I received a notification from the Embassy that my emergency visa appointment was scheduled for September 8th, 2021. I am forever grateful to you for having made this possible. ... I will start working in Florida to continue providing Floridians the best healthcare in Cardiology and Electrophysiology. Thank you for this unparalleled opportunity."

– Italo,
a doctor from Peru coming to
Martin County to work as a cardiac
electrophysiologist



Putting Floridians First

“I have no words to thank you for what you have done for our family. My lil girl Anna got her wings [on] August 14th, 2021. But because of you she was able to spend time with her grandparents and also my brother and family were able to come to give us support.”

– Tatiana,
who lost her 13-year old
daughter to Leukemia

“I turned 80 last Wednesday. I had almost given up on ever getting this refund from the IRS. ... Thank you, thank you, thank you for your assistance. I appreciated the way you contacted me regarding the tax advocate early on. It certainly must have helped resolve the problem.”

– Thomas,
an 80-year old retiree

“I was so stressed because he was in the hospital and then would be going to rehabilitation for weeks—all without Medicare Part B. But then I contacted this office and the stress went away—thank you so much. The error was corrected in a very short time, especially considering how long I had been trying on my own!”

– Leigh,
who contacted Rubio’s office after her
husband’s Medicare was erroneously
canceled in February 2021

“Hello, I wanted to thank you all for helping me get my refund released to me. It took over 6 months for me to receive my refund but as soon as the tax advocate you obtained for me was involved, it was within weeks [that] I had my refund. I'm a single mom and I lost my job because of covid ... that money is what I've been surviving on [and] this year has been rough. Thank you all at Senator Rubio's office! You all helped me when no one else would and could. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.”

– Sarah

“Dear Senator Rubio, Thank you for resolving our Social Security Retirement issue. We have finally received the retirement benefits that have been suspended for over 18 months.”

– Jane



Building a New American Century

In 2019, before the coronavirus shattered supply chains and exposed our over-reliance on countries like China, Senator Marco Rubio laid out two key planks essential to the success of a new American Century: Common-Good Capitalism and American Industrial Policy.

Both are built on timeless principles recognizable to any American: the dignity of work, the centrality of family, strong local communities, and a pride in the greatness of America. As the Washington Post noted, the emerging agenda comes “more from the perspective of a blue-collar worker than a white-collar consumer.”

Too many of our country’s elites have forgotten these principles. And nowhere is that disconnect more visible than our economic relationship with the Chinese Communist Party.

December 2021 marked the 20-year anniversary of the decision to admit China into the World Trade Organization. Rubio criticized the decision for creating a one-sided trading relationship that continues to work against the national interest. While the agreement with China has lowered consumer prices, it came at the expense of millions of American jobs and the patriotism of our companies, which now do the bidding of a genocidal regime.

In a speech marking the occasion, Rubio pushed policymakers to “abandon” the failed economic “consensus which has dominated policy making for the last three decades” or “be forever defined as the generation that managed the steady decline of a once great nation.”

While change isn’t easy, there is a blueprint to follow because Rubio has been laying the groundwork for the past several years.

Recovery begins with recognizing that our economy needs to work for America and Americans, not Wall Street and Beijing. We need to make investments in critical industries, including Rare Earth Minerals, Advanced Robots, Artificial Intelligence, and more.



We need to move our supply chains out of China. Some of those jobs belong here, in America. Others could be in Mexico, Honduras, Haiti, and elsewhere in our hemisphere. That would give China less control over our future and help build the economies of neighboring countries, which would reduce the flow of illegal immigrants into our own.

And we need to rein in some of the worst impulses of Wall Street, including investment in Chinese companies that are building weapons that will one day target the men and women of our military.

This path may not be popular with politicians and businessmen who are deeply invested in China, but it is the only real way forward. It is the reason why the Post said, “Marco Rubio gets it.”

Rubio understands that no American will be able to overcome these challenges alone. If our country succeeds, it will be the work of an entire generation, men and women with diverse backgrounds and from across the political spectrum. Despite the extreme views that dominate our media and politics, the majority of Americans respond to commonsense.

Their lives do not revolve around their racial or sexual identities, nor do they rest on dated economic theories. Instead, they are focused on working decent jobs, supporting their families, and worshipping God.