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*A Voice for South Florida in the U.S. Congress*

Thank you for allowing me into your home today. An educational system that uplifts the community, a health system that brings real change to lives, a clean environment and a volunteer network that brings South Florida together – these are the issues I would like to address today as I share with you my most recent accomplishments.

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# CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

## Making South Florida Concerns Washington's Priorities



Ileana meets with students to discuss the importance of a solid education

### AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM THAT UPLIFTS THE ECONOMY

Our South Florida students deserve the highest quality education. That's why I supported legislation that establishes competitive grants for teachers and students of American history and civics. Additionally, I sponsored legislation to train teachers of children with autism. This year alone, over 26,000 students were admitted to our Florida university system and over 30,000 degrees were awarded. As a former educator who values a quality education, I have made it a priority to bring better education to South Floridians.



### ROS-LEHTINEN FOR A HEALTH SYSTEM THAT BRINGS REAL CHANGE

HIV/AIDS has touched all groups and communities in this great nation. In our home state of Florida, the number of people suffering with HIV/AIDS has reached epidemic proportions. I helped introduce the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which will allow states to expand their Medicaid programs to cover HIV positive individuals before they become disabled, without having to receive a waiver. I am working with my colleagues in the U.S. Congress to ensure that this deadly disease is eradicated.



### ILEANA FIGHTING FOR SOUTH FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENT

I have supported legislation that funds local and state initiatives to provide clean water. I have also sponsored legislation that grants benefits to commercial vehicles that provide recycling services to Florida residents. I was proud to support the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) in the Water Resources Development Act that will help restore the quantity, quality, distribution and timing of water supplies to natural areas without disrupting existing sources of water for agricultural and human needs. I remain committed in protecting our natural resources.



Ileana discusses affordable housing initiatives with local South Florida family

### VOLUNTEERING TO BRING SOUTH FLORIDA TOGETHER

Volunteering is central to the American character and is a fundamental expression of responsible citizenship. From our Nation's earliest days, people came together to do whatever was needed for the public good. Organizations such as the Freedom Corps, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross and the Peace Corps bring together peoples from all corners of the country with the mission of uplifting mankind. From giving blood to your local Red Cross to spending invaluable time tutoring and mentoring young minds, volunteering is essential.