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### **SENATORS BERMAN AND CRUZ ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT ON FLORIDA'S COVID REPORTING**

Following news reports that Governor DeSantis is considering abandoning daily reporting of COVID data, Senators Lori Berman (D-Delray Beach) and Janet Cruz (D-Tampa) released the following statement:

“Even as new daily coronavirus cases are creeping up again, the DeSantis administration has offered up a trial balloon to move Florida from daily COVID reporting to weekly reporting. They stated that staffing costs are constraining, but there is perhaps no greater use of public funds. Make no mistake, this political stunt would be an affront to the public’s health and right to understand case trends. Today, Florida surpassed 16,000 COVID deaths. Forty-one states across the Union are experiencing upward trends of new cases – not one state is seeing a decline. Across Florida, hospitalizations are increasing, ICU bed capacity is waning, and emergency room patients with COVID-like symptoms are increasing. We would like to recommend to the Governor that he throw out President Trump’s tired playbook of obfuscation and stay the course on daily transparent reporting.

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