

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

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PROUDLY SERVING FLORIDA



Dear Friend,

With 2019 behind us, I believe it's important to celebrate all we've achieved for our community, our state and our great country during my first year in Congress.

One of the most important parts of my job as Congressman is working to find solutions for problems affecting our community – and that's why I was proud to work alongside fellow members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to support our veterans, advance in science and space, keep us safe and represent our great state of Florida.

Thank you, as always, for allowing me to serve you.

In Service,

A handwritten signature of Michael Waltz in black ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and the last name "Waltz" clearly visible.

Michael Waltz

VETERANS

Served on the [House Armed Services Committee](#) and co-founded the [For Country Caucus](#), focusing on working together with fellow veterans in Congress to accomplish our bipartisan legislative goals.

Introduced the [PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act](#) to provide service dogs to veterans struggling with PTSD. The bill was unanimously approved by the House.

Introduced the bipartisan [Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability Entitlement Act](#) in the House to allow servicemembers with 16+ years of service to transfer unused GI education benefits to immediate family members.

Introduced the bipartisan [Legal Services for Homeless Veterans Act](#) to provide our veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with better legal assistance in areas, including housing, family law and criminal defense.

Cosponsored [legislation](#) to ensure VA medical facilities provide veterans with locations to properly dispose of controlled substances, including opioids.



NATIONAL SECURITY

Provided resources to our military, first responders and allies to ensure our freedoms and liberties remain unbridled as outlined under the Constitution.

Signed into Law the *Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)*, including many of my provisions and policy goals:

- Phasing out of the Widow's Tax
- Supporting paid parental leave
- [Reimbursing Gold Star families](#) for the costs of

transporting a fallen

- Expanding child care services for families who lost a loved one in the line of duty
- Improving military housing on base
- [Prohibiting U.S. defense contractors](#) from doing business with the Maduro regime in Venezuela

Voted in favor of the Fiscal Year [2020 national security funding package](#), providing resources to the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, NASA and related agencies to

invest in modern defense systems, support our troops, defend our assets in space and strengthen our border security.

Signed into Law [the authorization of 4,000 new visas](#) for Afghan allies and interpreters in the NDAA to show our partners on the ground that we will protect them and their families when they stand with us.

SPACE & SCIENCE

Served on the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, including the [Subcommittees](#) on Space and Aeronautics and Investigations and Oversight.

Established the [U.S. Space Force](#) as the sixth Armed Services of the United States, under the U.S. Air Force and recognized it as a warfighting domain to better protect our critical vulnerable assets in space, including intelligence, agriculture, weather forecasting, and finance industries.

Signed into Law [legislation I sponsored](#) to establish a unified U.S. Space Command by repealing an outdated authority for a subordinate and obsolete space command. Additionally, I led a [Florida delegation letter to Acting Department of Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan](#) advocating for the headquarters of the U.S. Space Command to be located in Florida.

If we want to continue growing and innovating, our STEM workforce must reflect the diversity of our country.

- Co-sponsored [legislation](#) supporting STEM education and workforce development research in rural areas.
- Introduced the [MSI STEM Achievement Act](#) with Rep. Johnson (D-Texas), which unanimously **PASSED** in the House, to improve participation in STEM programs at our minority-serving institutions (MSIs) in Florida and around the country.



Coastal & Water Infrastructure



Floridians know the impacts of water quality, coastal flooding and beach erosion on our communities. It's critical we plan for a resilient future.

Led a [Florida Delegation request](#) and introduced the [Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act](#) to address the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) outdated formula for funding clean water infrastructure in each state. Unfortunately, the formula has not been updated since 1987 and therefore, Florida receives the third lowest allocation per capita nationwide. My legislation

would ensure Florida's population and infrastructure needs are considered so Florida gets the funding needed to keep our water clean.

Cosponsored the [*South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019*](#) to direct the federal Interagency Task Force to complete an assessment that examines the causes, consequences and potential approaches to reduce harmful algal blooms (HABs) and hypoxia in the Greater Everglades Region. This bill **PASSED** the House and included my [amendment](#) that would ensure regional coastal waters, like the Indian River Lagoon, are included as part of the assessment.

[Introduced legislation](#) and offered as an amendment with Rep. Panetta (D-Calif.) promoting research and education at our public universities and colleges to make Florida more resilient against natural disasters, including flooding and shoreline erosion, which **PASSED** within the [*Coastal and Great Lakes Communities Enhancement Act*](#).

Worked to finally provide Volusia, Flagler and St. Johns counties with FEMA reimbursements to help cover the cost of preparing, recovering and rebuilding after Hurricanes Matthew, Irma, and Dorian.

Local Projects

As your Representative, my top priority is advocating at the federal level for projects and grants that directly impact our community. Over the last year, I have worked to

- Brought together FL DOT, USDOT, and various stakeholders to discuss essential transportation projects at a roundtable in Daytona Beach
- Secured \$3.3 million grant to extend the runway at Ormond Beach Airport
- Improved safety at the Ormond Crossing Intersection with a new signal
- Coordinated with FAA to upgrade air traffic control equipment at the Flagler Airport
- Worked with the Department of Interior to permit beach driving at Fort Matanzas National Monument
- Worked to preserve our historical landmarks and natural resources in Duval, St. Johns and Flagler Counties by introducing the [*Nation's Oldest Port National Heritage Area Act*](#)
- Federal agencies awarded over \$2 million in federal grants to further educational opportunities at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Daytona State College

Pro-Life

Since coming to Congress, one of my top priorities has been protecting the lives of our unborn children. In fact, my first [Floor speech](#) as a Member of the House of Representatives was about the importance of protecting these innocent lives.

I signed multiple letters advocating for pro-life policies sent to:

- President Trump asking to veto any appropriations packages that include riders to weaken pro-life protections
- HHS Secretary Azar requesting information regarding federally funded research projects using human fetal tissue from elective abortions

- Acting FDA Commissioner Sharpless supporting FDA actions and oversight to address the sale of illegal mail-order abortion drugs

Signed the *Family Planning Association of Maine vs. HHS* Amicus Brief in support of the prohibition of taxpayer funds for abortion services.

Cosponsored multiple pro-life bills including [Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act](#), [Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2019](#), and [Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act](#). In addition to cosponsoring the [Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#), I also signed a discharge petition to bring this bill directly to the House Floor for a vote.

OUTREACH

My office and I were honored to respond to each and every one of our constituents and assist with federal agencies. We are always happy to help in any way we can.

FL-06 Constituents Helped with Federal Agencies:

- Total casework completed: **1019**
- Number of Veterans: **644**
- Number of Seniors: **317**

Caucuses

- With Honor Caucus
- Army Caucus
- Special Operations Forces Caucus
- Shipbuilding Caucus
- Motorsports Caucus
- Republican Study Committee
- American Flood Coalition
- Afghanistan Caucus
- Taiwan Caucus
- Florida Ports Caucus
- Kurdish Caucus
- STEM Education Caucus
- Veterans' Education Caucus
- Hellenic Caucus
- Venezuela Democracy Caucus
- Congressional Military Transition Assistance Pathway Caucus
- Singapore Caucus
- General Aviation Caucus
- Oceans Caucus
- Women, Peace and Security Caucus
- ALS Caucus
- International Basic Education Caucus
- National Service Congressional Caucus



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