

# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JIMMY PATRONIS' RUNDOWN

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## Floridians,

This week, I hosted a series of 'Rally at the Restaurant' events in [Gainesville](#), [Orlando](#) and [West Palm Beach](#) to advocate for vital COVID-19 liability protections for Florida businesses. Joined by state leaders, lawmakers and business owners, I urged Floridians to patronize and support local businesses and asked Legislators to work together to pass meaningful liability protections to get Florida's economy back on its feet. Over the last several months, I have emphasized the need for COVID-19 liability protections for businesses and highlighted my three [guiding principles](#) to help shape legislation in the upcoming Legislative Session.



As a former small business owner myself, I've spent most of my life in the restaurant industry and I know how hard it is to make payroll on a good day, much less when hampered by the financial impacts of

COVID-19. Since the pandemic began, I've spoken to countless business owners and held meetings with Chambers of Commerce statewide and they all share the same open-ended liability fears and concerns. We must allow business owners who follow the proper health and safety guidelines to be protected from frivolous lawsuits and sue and settle tactics that will stifle our state's recovery.

Lastly, I sent a [letter](#) requesting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revisit its exclusion of firefighters as health care personnel within the recently published Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidance document. The CDC's decision to exclude firefighters as health care personnel puts the health and safety of our front-line heroes – and their families – at risk. Moreover, as our firefighters respond to many COVID-19 cases, the CDC's error will hurt our overall ability to save lives and fight the virus.

Sincerely,



*Jimmy Patronis  
Chief Financial Officer  
State of Florida*

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In honor of [#GivingTuesday](#) I'm calling out [@NikkiFriedFL](#) for a friendly bet for charity. 💰💰💰

The [@fsuwbb](#) are taking on the [@GatorsWBK](#) tonight! Once my Noles win, I hope you'll make a donation to support Florida's firefighters through [@SavingLives](#). Good luck! 🏀🏀🏀 [#flapol](#)



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