

# MAKING WASHINGTON WORK

## SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

### WORKING FAMILIES TAX CUTS

**One Big Beautiful Bill:** This bill made the Trump Tax Cuts permanent, successfully preventing a \$4 trillion tax increase on Americans, meaning families in Florida will continue seeing an average of \$3,650 in tax savings annually. The bill includes tax relief for seniors, and his No Tax on Tips and No Tax on Overtime proposals.

**More Affordable Care Act:** This bill fixes Obamacare and drives down costs for the American people with simple fixes that will help families get the health care that fits their needs, instill transparency in the system, and ensure support for Americans is sent to them directly instead of big insurance companies.

**Sunshine Protection Act:** This bill ends the twice-yearly time change by making Daylight Saving Time permanent year-round. The current biannual change disrupts the agricultural industry by impacting farmers' and supply chain partners' schedules and causes a 2.2 – 4.9% drop in economic activity, which negatively impacts Florida's small businesses and tourism industry.

**No Budget, No Pay Act:** This bill prohibits Members of Congress from being paid in a fiscal year until both chambers approve the budget resolution and pass all regular appropriations bills for that fiscal year. This bill ensures Members of Congress don't get paid during a government shutdown.

**Let's Get to Work Act:** This bill strengthens work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Housing and Urban Development housing programs, including commonsense reforms, like applying SNAP work requirements to all able-bodied adults under 60 and those with school-aged children over 6.

**No Tax on Tips Act:** The bill exempts "cash tips"—cash, check, and credit and debit card charges—from federal income tax by allowing taxpayers to claim a 100% deduction at filing for tipped wages.

**Locating Every Disbursement in Government Expenditure Records (LEDGER) Act:** This bill requires the U.S. Department of the Treasury to track all payments after the Department of Government Efficiency found \$4.7 trillion in payments that were left unmarked and untraceable.

**Regulation Decimation Act:** This bill requires agencies to repeal ten existing regulations before issuing a new regulation, and for other purposes.

**Bill Package to Hold the Federal Reserve Accountable:** Senator Scott introduced a package of three bills to bring accountability to the Federal Reserve and its leadership and end its out-of-control monetary policies that have failed the American people. This package includes the **Regular Order for Investments (ROI) of the Federal Reserve Act**,

**Right Size the Federal Reserve Act**, and the **Rein in the Federal Reserve Act**.

**Joint Resolution Proposing Constitutional Amendments:** This resolution proposes amendments to the Constitution of the United States relative to the line item veto, a limitation on the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve, and requiring a vote of two-thirds of the membership of both Houses of Congress on any legislation raising or imposing new taxes or fees.

### MAKING WASHINGTON WORK FOR FLORIDIANS

**Senator Scott Named One of the Most Effective Lawmakers in Congress:** Senator Scott was recognized by the Center for Effective Lawmaking as one of the top 10 most effective Republican Senators for the 118th Congress, and one of the most effective first-term senators in the Senate.

**7 Years of Award-Winning Constituent Services:** Since taking office, Senator Scott's award-winning constituent services team has helped Floridians resolve issues in over 26,800 cases of federal casework, over 67,600 other requests for assistance, and responded to over 579,000 constituent calls.

**Senator Scott's 2025 Annual Hurricane Preparedness Tour:** Senator Scott visited Naples, Miami, Clearwater, Sanford, and Pensacola, where he was joined by state and local leaders to urge Floridians to prepare for the 2025 Hurricane Season. Senator Scott is leading several pieces of legislation to support Floridians during this hurricane season, including: the **Homeowners Premium Tax Reduction Act**, the **Flood Insurance Relief Act**, the **Removing Barriers to Private Flood Insurance Act**, the **Flood Insurance Consumer Choice Act**, the **Flood Insurance Transparency Act** and the **Residential Emergency Asset Accumulation Deferred Taxation Yield (READY) Account Act**.

**Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2025:** This bill allows tax relief for victims of federally declared disasters through the end of 2026, including hurricanes and wildfires. The bill extends victims' ability to make tax-deductible payments from wildfire settlements—which often happen many years after a disaster—through the end of 2030.

**Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act:** Senator Scott has fought hard to secure provisions in the NDAA to support Florida's military men and women, veterans, and their families. This year's NDAA delivers and builds on his work to hold Communist China accountable and invest in Florida's military installations and service members, including improvement projects at Eglin Air Force Base, Homestead Air Reserve Base, and Florida's Space Coast.

**Permitting Transparency and Accountability Act:** This bill requires all U.S. agencies that issue permits to create a page on their website for permit applicants to track the status of their application, along with the steps completed and remaining, the expected timeframe, and readily available contact information for users.

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**Frequent Logistics Information for Grounded and Held Travelers (FLIGHT) Act:** This bill requires airlines to provide notification to passengers of flights delayed by more than 15 minutes, and a status notification every 15 minutes thereafter to bring more transparency for passengers.

**Letter to Acting Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army of Engineers:** This letter asks the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) consider ongoing and upcoming projects throughout Florida. Senator Scott specifically requested the USACE accelerate the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects, including the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration program, and end unnecessary delays of critical storm risk management projects and prioritize projects that benefit Florida communities and the state as a whole.

### MAKING WASHINGTON WORK FOR AMERICA'S AGING COMMUNITY

**U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging delivered progress toward Chairman Scott's goals, including:**

- Chairman Scott held 21 hearings to examine the most pressing challenges facing older Americans.
- **Chairman Scott Worked to Sound the Alarm on the Risks that Generic Drugs Pose to American Families:** Chairman Scott's efforts to warn aging Americans about the risks of relying on foreign-manufactured, generic drugs include letters to Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Doug Collins, major U.S. pharmacies, FDA Commissioner Martin Makary, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., pharmaceutical distributor executives, and group purchasing organizations, as well as the Protecting Seniors' Access to Essential Medications Report exposing America's dangerous overreliance on foreign-made generic drugs. Chairman Scott held the following hearings "Prescription for Trouble: Drug Safety, Supply Chains, and the Risk to Aging Americans", "Bad Medicine: Closing Loopholes that Kill American Patients", and "Made in America: Restoring Trust in Our Essential Medicines" to explore the threats posed by foreign dependence and identified solutions to expand domestic manufacturing and ensure Americans' access to safe, high-quality medicines.
- **Older Americans Act (OAA):** This bill reauthorizes OAA programs through fiscal year 2030, including updates to strengthen program integrity, encourage innovation and flexibility, and enhance support for family caregivers and the direct care workforce.
- **STOP Scammers Act:** This bill protects aging Americans from sophisticated international fraud schemes by directing the Secretary of the Treasury to identify and designate foreign entities engaged in financial fraud against U.S. citizens as 'Foreign Financial Threat Organizations.'
- **Guarding Unprotected Aging Retirees from Deception (GUARD) Act:** This bill enhances state and local law enforcement's ability to investigate financial fraud by expanding the use of federal grant funds to support specialized training and the use of blockchain tracing technology.
- **National Strategy for Combating Scams Act:** This bill strengthens federal coordination by creating a working group led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, standardizing scam reporting, and incorporating input from victims, law enforcement, and the private sector.
- **Multigenerational Home Caregiver Credit Act:** This bill offers a \$2,000 tax credit to adults who provide in-home care for an older family member, helping ease the financial strain created by rising health care costs.
- **National Slam the Scam Day Resolution:** This resolution designated March 6, 2025, as "National Slam the Scam Day" to raise awareness of scams targeting older Americans.
- **Protect Our Seniors Act:** This bill protects the benefits of Social Security and Medicare and promotes the long-term solvency of these critical programs.
- Fraud Hotline: The committee's toll-free Fraud Hotline 1-855-303-9470 continued to expand access to education, prevention tools, and direct support for seniors and families.

**U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging released the following reports:**

- **2025 Fraud Report:** This report highlighted the growing financial threats facing aging Americans and ways for seniors to identify red flags to prevent victimization and respond to and report scams.
- **America's Aging Farm Workforce Report:** This report highlighted the significant challenges posed by America's aging farm workforce and presents policy recommendations to strengthen this critical industry and protect U.S. food security.

### PUTTING AMERICAN INTERESTS FIRST & HOLDING ADVERSARIES ACCOUNTABLE

**No Trade Preferences for Communist China Act:** This bill revokes the Normal Trade Relations status of Communist China, an adversary to the United States.

**No Adversarial AI Act:** This bill prohibits federal agencies from using artificial intelligence technologies controlled by foreign adversaries, including Communist China.

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**Bill Package to Protect American Investors and Crack Down on Communist China's Exploitation:** Senator Scott introduced a package of five bills aimed at protecting American investors and cracking down on Communist China's influence in and exploitation of U.S. markets. This package includes the Trading and Investing with Clear Knowledge & Expectations about Risk (TICKER) Act, the Protecting American Capital Act, the Secure America's Financial Exchanges (SAFE) Act, the Transaction and Sourcing Knowledge (TASK) Act, and the Sanction Transactions Originating from Pernicious Chinese Companies and Policies (STOP CCP) Act.

**Protecting Americans from Harmful CCP Products Act:** This bill amends the Consumer Product Safety Act to give the Consumer Product Safety Commission expanded authority to issue mandatory recalls of hazardous products manufactured or sold by Chinese companies, including those operating through online platforms. Senator Scott's bill addresses reports of baby products and toy pieces manufactured in Communist China that are hazardous or deadly, yet continue to be shipped into the United States.

**Drones for America Act:** This bill implements a ban on Chinese-manufactured drone systems by January 1, 2028, and Chinese-manufactured components by January 1, 203. It also implements a gradually-increasing tariff on these items until full bans are in effect to help phase them out of the market.

**Keep China Out of Solar Energy Act:** This bill prohibits the federal government from buying solar panels manufactured or assembled in Communist China. This comes as reports show several solar companies maintain links to Communist China while having access to U.S. tax dollars.

**Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act:** This bill supports American growers by changing the standard of sugar levels for pasteurized orange juice from 10.5% brix standard to 10%. It will ensure that federal regulations aren't working against Florida citrus growers and preserve the quality of our orange juice for American families to enjoy.

**United States Citrus Protection Act:** This bill prohibits the importation of commercially produced fresh citrus fruit from Communist China into the United States, further protecting American jobs, ensuring the integrity of domestic agriculture, and reducing our reliance on goods produced by regimes that pose a threat to the United States.

### FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA

**Senator Scott fought to hold Nicolás Maduro accountable and bring freedom to Venezuela by:**

- Welcoming Venezuela's rightful President Edmundo González as his guest to President Trump's Inauguration.
- Leading meetings with President-Elect Edmundo González and Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado on the fight for Venezuela's freedom.
- Introducing legislation, including the Venezuela Advancing Liberty, Opportunity, and Rights (VALOR) Act, Securing Timely Opportunities for Payment and Maximizing Awards for Detaining Unlawful Regime Officials (STOP MADURO) Act, and the Banning Operations and Leases with the Illegitimate Venezuelan Authoritarian Regime (BOLIVAR) Act.

**DEMOCRACIA Act:** This bill holds the illegitimate communist Cuban regime accountable through severe sanctions and unprecedented financial pressure on foreign persons involved in supporting the Cuban government's defense sector, human rights abuses, or terrorism. This bill authorizes the President to use any means possible to provide unrestricted and reliable internet service to the people of Cuba that is not censored or blocked by the Cuban regime.

### MAKING WASHINGTON WORK FOR FLORIDA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY & SUPPORTING OUR ALLY ISRAEL

**Preventing Antisemitic Harassment on Campus Act:** This bill holds colleges and universities accountable for addressing the rise of antisemitic harassment and discrimination, which violates Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, or risk losing federal funding. Leaders on campuses have failed to do in recent years as antisemitic mobs took over academic buildings while Jewish students feared for their safety.

**Stop Taxpayer Funding of Hamas Act:** This bill prohibits obligating or expending U.S. funds in Gaza unless the President certifies that the funds will not benefit Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, other foreign terrorist organizations, or their members.

**Sen. Rick Scott Donates Salary to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum:** Senator Rick Scott and Mrs. Ann Scott announced the donation of a portion of his Senate Salary to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which teaches millions of people each year about the dangers of unchecked antisemitism and hatred and the ongoing relevance of the Holocaust.

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### SECURING THE U.S. BORDER & KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection Bill:** This bill requires the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to identify and conduct recurrent vetting of evacuees from Afghanistan who were found not properly vetted before entering the United States.

**Extending Limits of United States Customs Waters Act:** This bill expands the U.S. customs waters territory 12 to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States. This will help ensure the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations have the jurisdiction and authority needed to keep families safe by stopping drug and human trafficking in U.S. territory.

**Stop Human Trafficking of Unaccompanied Migrant Children Act:** This bill cracks down on the human trafficking of unaccompanied migrant children through comprehensive vetting procedures of sponsors, regular monitoring, and updates on the child's well-being.

**School Guardian Act:** This bill creates a block grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice supporting the hiring of one or more law enforcement officers to provide full-time security at every K-12 school in the country, including all public, private, and religious schools.

**No Bounties on Badges Act:** This bill authorizes federal rewards for information leading to the prevention, arrest, or conviction of individuals who offer bounties to harm or kill law enforcement officers. This bill expands existing federal reward authority to explicitly cover attempts to intimidate or target police through paid incentives.

### MAKING WASHINGTON WORK FOR OUR AMERICAN HEROES

**Major Richard Star Act:** This bill makes a critical fix to allow combat-injured veterans who retired with less than 20 years of service to receive both Department of Defense retirement pay and VA disability compensation, full concurrent receipt, that they have rightfully earned through their service to our country. It honors the legacy of its namesake, Major Richard A. Star, a decorated war veteran forced to medically retire due to his combat-related injuries.

**Veterans Accessibility Act:** This bill ensures that the Department of Veterans Affairs is in full compliance with federal disability laws and provides guidance on ways to make programs and facilities more accessible for veterans and people with disabilities. It establishes a 15-person Advisory Committee on Equal Access, which would consist of veterans with disabilities, disability experts, and representatives of advocacy organizations.

**Sen. Rick Scott Donates Salary to Navy SEAL Foundation:** On January 17, 2025, Senator Rick Scott and Mrs. Ann Scott announced they will donate a portion of his Senate salary to the Navy SEAL Foundation. The Navy SEAL Foundation provides critical support for the warriors, veterans, and families of Naval Special Warfare.

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