

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S 2023 ACTION ITEMS UPDATE

KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

- **School Guardian Act:** Provides federal funding to support the hiring and placement of one or more armed law enforcement officers at every K-12 school in the country – both public and private – to protect our children from acts of targeted violence at school.
- **Luke and Alex School Safety Act:** Creates a Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Best Practices to help schools and their faculty, parents and community officials identify school safety measures and resources for implementing them. This legislation passed the Senate and was signed into law.

HOLDING BIG TECH ACCOUNTABLE

- **ASK Act:** Prevents children from accessing artificial intelligence features on social media sites without the consent of a parent or guardian. Additionally, the bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in consultation with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), to issue rules prohibiting social media companies from charging a fee or mandating a paid subscription, as Snapchat has recently done, before allowing parents or kids to remove artificial intelligence features from products used by minors.
- **Safe Social Media Act:** Requires the FTC, in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to conduct a study on the effects of social media use among American teenagers and children.
- **DATA Act:** Increases transparency by requiring Big Tech platforms, like Facebook, Snapchat and Twitter, to receive express consent to use Americans' personal information. The DATA Act also provides Americans with legal recourse against these companies if they believe their right to privacy has been violated.

KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY

- **Protecting Babies from Lead, Mercury, and other harmful chemicals:** Senator Scott regularly holds the Biden administration and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) accountable for deeming “acceptable” levels of lead, cadmium, and mercury in baby food, infant cereals and prenatal vitamins.
- **Addressing the Biden administration's baby formula shortages:** For much of 2022 and into 2023, parents across the country struggled from Biden's raging inflation crisis and faced a growing and critical shortage of infant formula. Senator Scott sent a letter in May 2022 and September 2022 to FDA Commissioner Califf urging his agency to take immediate action to fix the supply crisis and get infant formula back on shelves.

FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- **Stop Human Trafficking of Unaccompanied Migrant Children Act:** Ensures extensive vetting by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) before a vulnerable unaccompanied child is placed with a sponsor.

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ADDRESSING THE FENTANYL CRISIS

- **Letter to Florida Superintendents:** In March, Senator Scott sent a letter to all of Florida's public school superintendents highlighting the need to better educate students on the deadly fentanyl crisis facing the state and nation.
- **Letter to the Office of National Drug Control Policy:** In April, Senator Scott sent a letter to the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) that laid out what he believes should be in the National Drug Control Strategy.
- **END FENTANYL Act:** Requires the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to update its policies at least once every three years to ensure operational field manuals, including their drug interdiction guidance, is up to date. This legislation passed the Senate.
- **UPDATED USPS Act:** Improves the collection of Advanced Electronic Data (AED) by strengthening requirements on shipments from foreign adversaries, ultimately allowing the postal service to block the transmission of packages that lack digital tracking data. This legislation also ends exemption waivers to countries, requires the USPS to publish the number of packages received without AED and requires CBP to reject packages without AED.
- **OPIOIDS Act:** Provides local law enforcement the resources necessary to collaborate and keep communities safe.
- **CHECKPOINT Act:** Requires regular updates to the U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoint Program Management Office's drug seizure categories and training. This bill also requires the office to be consistently staffed.
- **Upholding the Law at Our Border Act:** Requires the Inspector General of the DHS to investigate the vetting and processing of migrants apprehended along the southwest border and to ensure that all laws are being upheld.
- **Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act:** Extends the customs waters territory of the United States, giving CBP Air and Marine Operations (AMO) and the U.S. Coast Guard the jurisdiction necessary to keep American families safe from drug and human traffickers.
- **Caribbean Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act:** Requires the ONDCP to produce an overall strategy focused on preventing the illegal trafficking of drugs from the Caribbean region into the U.S.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA Act:** Directs social media platforms to provide clear information to law enforcement agencies on who to contact at their platform for carrying out investigations. It will also help collect better data on illicit activity happening on social media platforms.
- **Opioid RADAR Act:** Allows for more grants to support improved data and surveillance related to opioid-related overdoses, reforms the ONDCP's role as a Cabinet-level position and improves interagency collaboration and adds fentanyl test strips to the list of excluded materials in the drug paraphernalia category of the Controlled Substances Act.