

News from Representative Mario Diaz-Balart



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Sunday, June 1st marks the beginning of the 2014 Hurricane Season. As Floridians, we are all too familiar with these natural disasters and the affect they are capable of having. But if we take the appropriate steps to protect our homes and our families, we can reduce that effect on our communities in the long run. Check out the "[Hurricane Safety](#)" section of my website for a supply checklist (In [English](#) and in [Spanish](#)), which contains suggested items for a hurricane kit and provides important phone numbers. Make sure to post this list in a central location in your home, so that it is visible to each member of your family.

This week in Washington, the United States House of Representatives voted on a number of bills, including H.R. 4587, the Venezuelan Democracy and Human Rights Protection Act. This bill imposes sanctions, including denying visas and blocking financial transactions, to the members of Maduro's regime who have committed egregious human rights abuses. For the last 15 years, the Venezuelan people have experienced the corruption and brutality of the Chavez-Maduro dictatorship, and within the last 3 months, it has escalated to serious acts of violence and aggression towards students and others who were peacefully protesting. We stand in solidarity with the Venezuelan people as they struggle to regain democracy and freedom from the Venezuelan regime.

With the recent resignation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, we can move forward to providing better care for our veterans. The horror stories that we've heard of abuse of power and mismanagement by certain individuals at the VA are absolutely unacceptable. The best and the bravest of our country

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must be treated with the highest quality of care, and any person who stands in the way of that care must be held accountable. We owe it to the courageous men and women who served our country to do everything we can to prevent these issues from happening again.

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Warm Regards,
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