

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 26, 2017

Honorable Rex Tillerson
Secretary of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Tillerson:

As members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, we write to request that you provide an alternative physical location in South Florida to assist travelers with emergency passport needs as soon as possible. The sudden closure of the Miami Passport Agency due to water damage has presented great challenges to our constituents and other Florida travelers and we urge you to make every effort to accommodate those in need of assistance until the office can be reopened.


The Department of State is directing those in need of urgent services to regional offices in Atlanta and New Orleans or to call the National Passport Information Center. While we appreciate your efforts to provide other options for travelers, an alternative physical location in South Florida would be most effective in assisting those with emergency passport needs.

This temporary closure also highlights the need for plans for future unforeseen events. The Miami Agency must be reestablished and maintained, but future plans should also include providing resources for passport services at varied locations around the state.

We ask that you please keep us updated on the efforts taken to reopen the Miami Passport Agency and any other ways in which your Department is working to help our constituents affected by this closure. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart


Rep. Ted Deutch


Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen


Rep. Lois Frankel


Rep. Alcee Hastings



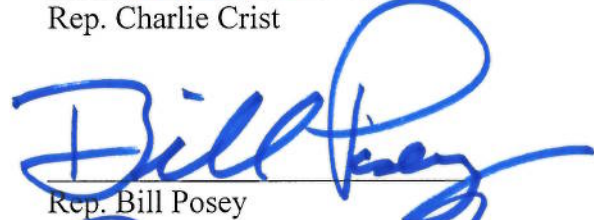
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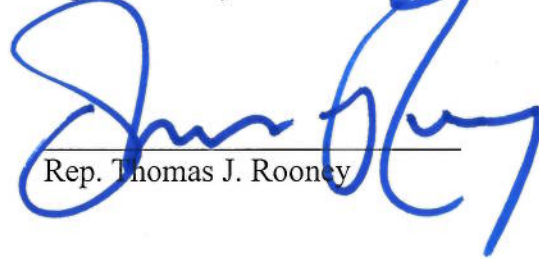
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