



The LaMarca Letter

UPDATE: HB 647 ELSS Engineered Life Safety Systems

You have spoken, and we listened.

My office has heard from over 1,000 residents, not only from Broward County, but from all over the state of Florida. I have read hundreds of emails and have taken numerous phone calls from interested Floridians over the last few weeks about this important bill.

I understand that adding these engineered life safety systems (ELSS) could potentially place an extreme financial burden on those of you in certain condominium buildings. While your safety is obviously a priority to me, these regulations could place an undue hardship on the citizens of Broward County and the rest of the state. This bill allows the individual residents of each building to have the freedom to choose, as an association, to opt-out of the requirement for the installation of additional ELSS systems.

For these reasons I was honored to vote in favor of this bill when it came in front of the Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday. I believe that residents should be able to make decisions about their own community. This bill is now on its way to its last committee stop here in the Florida House of Representatives. However, the Senate companions still have more to go.

I urge you to call our Senator, Gary Farmer's office at 850-487-5034, and urge him to support SB 1152 and SB 1732 and request a hearing for these important bills. Without the movement from the Senate bills, we will not be able implement this crucial piece of legislation.

As always, it is an honor to represent you in the Florida House of Representatives.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chip LaMarca'.

Representative Chip LaMarca
Florida House District 93
