

February 2025 Miami-Dade County Monthly Report

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Memorandum

To: Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners, Commission Auditor

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RE: Miami-Dade County February 2025 Monthly Report for Federal Governmental Representation and Consulting Services

This memo provides a summary of activities by Pittman Law Group (PLG) on behalf of Miami-Dade County (MDC) as their federal lobbyists. This report will be updated with the Group's activities and provided to MDC monthly.

Grant Advocacy & Agency Engagement

PLG continues to monitor and advocate for MDC's pending federal grant applications. We have initiated outreach and are coordinating meetings with key officials within the following agencies:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

- Meeting expected in March 2025.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

- Meeting expected in March 2025.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

- Meeting expected in March 2025.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Meeting date pending.

Department of Energy (DOE)

- Meeting date pending.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Meeting date pending.

Department of Commerce (DOC)

- Meeting date pending.

We anticipate beginning to schedule meetings with relevant officials this month to discuss the County's submitted grant applications. Updates will be provided in the next report or immediately following key meetings, whichever preferred.

FY25/26 Appropriations & Legislative Package

The Federal appropriations timeline remains to be finalized, with a concrete timeline expected in mid-March. Our team has been in contact with the relevant offices in order to be updated as soon as the information becomes available. We have also worked with the MDC to revise and finalize upcoming appropriations project requests. Once complete, we will establish meetings with the relevant offices before submitting these projects. Expected submission timeframe is mid to late March. PLG has also worked with the County in revising MDC's 2025 Federal Legislative Package regarding the policy areas we are responsible for.

Legislative Update

Since last month, the MDC Congressional Delegation has only introduced **two new** relevant bills, found below, with neither being critical to the County specifically.

Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-27)

- Bills introduced:
 - [H.R.1268](#): Introduced 2/12/25
 - Extends the customs waters of the U.S. to 24, from 12, nautical miles from the baseline of the U.S.
 - Latest Action: 2/12/25 – Referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

Rep. Carlos Gimenez (D-28)

- Bills introduced:
 - [H.R.1167](#): Introduced 2/10/25
 - Prohibits the procurement of solar panels manufactured or assembled in China.
 - Latest Action: 2/10/25 – Referred to the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Below is a **full list** of all previously reported relevant legislation from this 119th Congress currently being tracked, with any new actions highlighted in **bold**.

Rep. Carlos Gimenez (D-28)

- Bills introduced:
 - [H.R.504](#): Introduced 1/16/25
 - Amends the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Area to establish and executive activities to protect structures within Osceola Camp from flooding.
 - Latest Action: **2/5/25** - Subcommittee Hearing held in Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs.

Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-24)

- Bills Introduced:

- [H.R.827](#): Introduced 1/28/25
 - Ensures availability and affordability of homeowners insurance for catastrophic events (further details not yet available).
 - Latest Action: 1/28/25 - Referred to House Financial Services Committee.
- [H.R.739](#): Introduction 1/24/25
 - Amends the Richard Russell National School Lunch Act to include salad bars in schools.
 - Latest Action: 1/24/25 - Referred to the House Education & Workforce Committee.
- [H.R.714](#): Introduced 1/23/25
 - Amends the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to create a pilot program funding local government units and community-based organizations to create jobs.
 - Latest Action: 1/23/25 - Referred to the House Education & Workforce Committee.
- [H.R.305](#): Introduced 1/9/25
 - Authorizes the Secretary of Education to execute a grant program aimed at ensuring elementary and secondary schools have at least one registered nurse on staff.
 - Latest Action: 1/9/15 - Referred to the House Education & Workforce and Energy & Commerce Committees.

Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-26)

- Bills introduced:
 - [H.R.672](#): Introduced 1/23/25
 - Establishes new zip codes (further details not yet available).
 - Latest Action: 1/23/25 -Referred to House Oversight Committee.
 - [H.R.268](#): Introduced 1/9/25
 - Increases maximum award leading to the arrest and conviction of Nicolas Maduro to \$100,000,000 from assets seized from his associates.
 - Latest Action: 1/9/25 - Referred to House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-27)

- Bills introduced:
 - [H.R.633](#): Introduced 1/22/25
 - Requires the removal of nonconsensual intimate visual depictions from covered platforms.
 - Latest Action: Referred to House Energy & Commerce Committee.
 - [H.R.450](#): Introduced 1/15/25

- Requires Cuba to satisfy certain conditions to be removed from the list of state sponsors of terrorism.
- Latest Action: 1/15/25 - Referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Senator Rick Scott

- [S.J.Res.2](#): Introduced 1/8/25
 - Limits the number of terms Congressional Members may serve, requires two-thirds vote by both Houses on any legislation raising or imposing new taxes or fees.
 - Latest Action: 1/8/25 – Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Ashley Moody

- Bills Introduced: None.

Executive Orders

Below you will find relevant Executive Orders (EOs) announced by President Trump in February that may impact MDC.

Empowering Patients with Clear, Accurate and Actionable Healthcare Pricing

- Date: 2/25/25
- Summary: Executive Order 14221 mandates transparent healthcare pricing to empower patients with clear, accurate, and actionable information. This initiative aims to enhance competition and reduce costs by ensuring patients can make informed decisions about their healthcare expenses.

Expanding Access to In Vitro Fertilization

- Date: 2/18/25
- Summary: Executive Order 14216 aims to expand access to in vitro fertilization (IVF) by reducing treatment costs, which currently range from \$12,000 to \$25,000 per cycle. The order directs the Domestic Policy Council to develop recommendations within 90 days to make IVF more affordable and protect access to these treatments.

Make America Healthy Again Commission

- Date: 2/13/25
- Summary: Executive Order 14212 establishes the President's Make America Healthy Again Commission to address rising chronic diseases and declining life expectancy in the U.S. The commission will focus on improving nutrition, promoting healthy lifestyles, and enhancing food and drug safety.

Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Workforce Optimization Initiative

- Date: 2/11/25
- Summary: Executive Order 14210 aims to streamline the federal workforce by implementing a hiring ratio of one new employee for every four departures, exempting roles in public safety, immigration, and law enforcement. Agencies must plan for significant workforce reductions, targeting non-essential functions, including diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

Import Tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China

- Date: 2/1/25
- Summary: In an effort to curb illegal drug trafficking and immigration into the U.S. President Trump has levied a 25% tariff on all imported goods from Canada and Mexico, a lower 10% tariff on Canadian energy sources, and a 10% tariff on imported goods from China.
 - This EO was temporarily paused, and went in to effect March 4th, 2025.
 - U.S. automakers were granted a month long exemption from the tariffs after an appeal from leading automakers.
 - Reciprocal tariffs on European and Asian imports planned to take effect in April 2025.