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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - May 15, 2020



As you may know by now, I am a huge supporter of law enforcement. One of my top priorities as Attorney General is to foster better relationships between our law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. And as the wife of a law enforcement officer, I know first-hand the sacrifice and strong dedication that comes with putting on the badge.

This week was National Police Week—a time to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and recognize all the hard work that officers endure daily to keep us safe.

I believe their incredible service is something to be commended and shared as they continue to put their lives at risk, especially now during these uncertain times during a global pandemic.

Their work to keep us safe should never be taken for granted and I've been amazed how active Floridians have been showing their support.

It's refreshing to see the many acts of kindness and support between first responders and citizens fighting this crisis together.

Just two weeks ago, I issued a [Back the Blue Alert](#) to recognize the thousands of law enforcement officers, citizens and organizations in Florida supporting each other during these challenging times.

Although our in-person Back the Blue Awards ceremonies are on hold to help stop the spread of COVID-19, it's still very important to honor and highlight the many positive stories that we are hearing.

Let's continue working together to end this crisis. If you see a law enforcement officer risking their safety for ours, please tell them thank you!

Stay safe, Florida.



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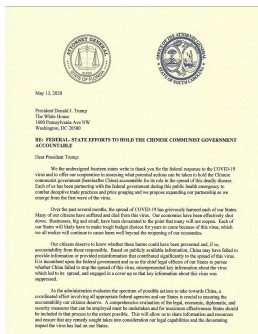


Attorney

General Ashley Moody is calling on Congress to investigate the Chinese government's role in the COVID-19 pandemic. In a letter to the leadership of the U.S. House and Senate Foreign Relations Committees, Speaker of the House, Senate Majority Leader, and other congressional leaders, Attorney General Moody and 17 other state attorneys general are calling for a congressional investigation into China's role in covering up its coronavirus crisis and intentionally misleading the international community about the severity of the disease.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "What did China know, when did they know it and why did its members participate in a massive conspiracy to cover up and mislead the international community about the severity and highly contagious nature of the novel coronavirus?" [Read More](#)

Attorney General Moody Leads Coalition Calling for a Federal-State Partnership to Hold China Responsible for the COVID-19 Pandemic



Attorney General Ashley Moody is calling for a federal-state partnership to develop a comprehensive plan to hold China responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic. Attorney General Moody is joined by 13 state attorneys general in the call to action. The coalition sent a letter to President Donald J. Trump requesting a partnership to begin exploring all avenues to hold China responsible for the public health and economic damage caused by its withholding of information and international dissemination of misinformation as COVID-19 began to spread in China and beyond.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “It’s clear China’s actions, or lack thereof, played a role in the global spread of COVID-19 that is causing death and economic destruction here in the United States. States must work in tandem with the federal government to chart the best course of action to hold China responsible for any dissemination of misinformation and failure to mitigate this devastating virus.” [Read More](#)



Press Devastation

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General Ashley Moody is asking Congress to modify the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act as Florida and other states seek to hold China accountable for its role in the COVID-19 pandemic. Attorney General Moody today sent a letter to leaders in Congress requesting that the FSIA be amended to increase opportunities to seek damages from China, when appropriate, for public health and economic harm.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “China must be held accountable, but our current legal framework presents challenges. Modest changes to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act would clarify and support actions against China, if necessary, to seek damages from the devastation from COVID-19.” [Read More](#)