



## The Florida House of Representatives

Representative Joseph Geller

District 100

June 1, 2022

The Honorable Cord Byrd, Florida Secretary of State  
Florida Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd,

I write to request a special session of the Florida Legislature be held at the earliest convenience under the provisions of Article III, Section 3(c)(2) of the Florida Constitution and Section 11.011(2) of Florida Statutes to address the need for measures, as set forth below, to combat the scourge of gun violence in our state and nation.

It is imperative that we take common sense steps to address this epidemic of gun violence that has led to atrocities in places like Parkland, FL, Buffalo, N.Y, and most recently in Uvalde, TX. We should address these issues with legislation regulating high capacity rifle magazines, mandating universal background checks, and expanding red flag laws. Without concrete action, we will see continued violence, which will have devastating consequences for the people we serve in Tallahassee.

Please accept this letter, and the letters and signatures of my colleagues as certificate that a special session is warranted and necessary.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph S. Geller".

Joseph S. Geller