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## **Port of Palm Beach Commissioners and U.S. Senator Scott talk about upgrading port infrastructure**

**Riviera Beach, Florida – June 3, 2019** – The Port of Palm Beach welcomed U.S. Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) to Palm Beach County Monday morning.

Katherine Waldron, the chairwoman of the Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners, introduced Senator Scott during a news conference.

Standing in front of and surrounded by local political leaders, port tenants and senior port staff, both Sen. Scott and Waldron both spoke of the importance of investing in port infrastructure.

“Ensuring we have a healthy infrastructure is critical to maintaining the reliability our Port has meant and continues to mean to hundreds of thousands of individuals in our region, the Bahamas and the Caribbean,” said Chair Waldron.

During the news conference, Senator Scott said the port is priority in growing our economy. The Senator announced he wants to see \$140 million invested in Florida ports and will fight to see the federal government partner with ports in the sunshine state.

Chair Waldron talked about infrastructure changes in need right now at the Port of Palm Beach.

“Our remaining slips, 1 & 2, as well as our on-port rail system, are also, all in need of refurbishment and upgrades. In fact, we are facing almost \$50 million in infrastructure projects just to maintain the role we play in the supply chain logistics,” said Chair Waldron.

### **About Port of Palm Beach**

Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 162 acres, the port’s efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$7 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of cargo, and 500,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 2,850 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is one of the largest economic engines in South Florida. For more information, visit [www.portofpalmbeach.com](http://www.portofpalmbeach.com).

### **About U.S. Senator Rick Scott**

Rick Scott was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018 and is currently serving his first term representing the state of Florida. Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Rick Scott served two terms as the 45th Governor of Florida, working every day to turn around Florida’s economy and secure the state’s future as the best place for families and businesses to succeed. Scott grew up in public housing in the Midwest as his adoptive father, a World War II veteran and truck driver, and his mother, a store clerk, struggled to financially support their family. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Ann, Scott joined the Navy, where he served active duty as a radar man aboard the USS Glover. He used the G.I. Bill to attend the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and eventually opened his first business – a donut shop. Scott went on to run the world’s largest healthcare company and continues to fight every day so families across the state can have the same opportunities he had to live the American dream.

For more information, visit <https://www.rickscott.senate.gov/>.