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Dear Fellow Floridian,

Last week, I concluded a trip to Greece, Cyprus, and Israel, where I met with key leaders to strengthen America's alliances, advance our economic interests, and reinforce our shared commitment to national security. These partnerships are critical to protecting American families, deterring our adversaries, and ensuring a safer, more prosperous future for our nation.

America today faces a world of threats–Russia, Communist China, Iran, North Korea–all enemies who want to destroy our way of life and end America's leadership on the world stage.

The true America First way to deal with this reality is to strengthen security cooperation with allies who share our values and actively contribute to our mutual defense and economic prosperity. This is how we create a future for American families in a world that is safe, prosperous, and free.

I am grateful for the continued commitment of **Greece**, **Cyprus**, and **Israel** to maintain strong ties to the U.S. and our collective mission to deter our adversaries.

After meeting with these Mediterranean and Middle Eastern leaders, it is clear that America cannot be passive as the world changes. Our enemies have chosen to hate us, and they are making moves to oppose us. We must be proactive in safeguarding our national security, and we need partners willing to join us.

President Trump has committed to rebuilding our military and has secured commitments from allies to do the same. By reinforcing our alliances abroad, we will have a safer world to leave our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott

United States Senator

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Sen. Rick Scott Visits Greece to Discuss NATO Security and Economic Cooperation with Greek Leaders

U.S. Senator Rick Scott, member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower, traveled to Greece and met with Greek government leaders to discuss the U.S.-Greco alliance and America's national security and economic interests in the Mediterranean. During his meetings, Senator Scott shared his goals for the U.S. and Greece to strengthen their collective security in Southeast Europe and the Mediterranean, enhance NATO cooperation among allies committed to the alliance's collective security, and deter Russian aggression.

In Greece, Senator Scott met with members of the Greek Parliament, leadership of the Hellenic Coast Guard, Foreign Minister Giorgos Gerapetritis, Energy and Environment Minister Stavros Papastavrou, Chief of the Hellenic National Defense General Dimitrios Choupis, and Deputy Prime Minister Kostis Hatzidakis.

Senator Rick Scott said, *"Greece is a crucial NATO ally, a reliable and credible partner to the United States, and our strategic relationship is actively reshaping the security and energy dynamics in Europe to advance American interests. Greece is the birthplace of democracy, and my meetings with leaders this week underscored Greece's commitment to the United States and standing up against threats posed by the thuggish leaders in Russia and Turkey. America First requires a strong NATO, and Greece is a great example of the leadership America wants to see in Europe. Through our alliance, we are securing Southeast Europe, bolstering our own defenses, and ensuring the free world never bows to the tyranny of Putin and Erdogan."*



U.S. Senator Rick Scott meets with Deputy Prime Minister Kostis Hatzidakis in Athens, Greece on October 16, 2026.



U.S. Senator Rick Scott meets with Greek Minister of Energy and Environment Stavros Papastavrou in Athens, Greece on October 16, 2026.



U.S. Senator Rick Scott meets with Greek officials in Athens, Greece on October 16, 2026.

During his trip, **Senator Scott also stopped in Cyprus** to meet with Cypriot officials focused on economic cooperation, energy projects, deterring Turkish aggression, and securing full sovereignty for the Republic of Cyprus.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, Senator Scott shares President Trump's focus on ensuring NATO allies continue to meet their domestic and international security obligations in Europe and will work closely with America's allies and their leaders to support U.S. national security interests, including energy independence and combating the threat of Russian aggression.

Earlier this month, Senator Scott and Dr. Rebeccah Heinrichs, a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, penned an op-ed in *The Hill* titled, "**If America wants to prosper, we must lead**."

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Sen. Rick Scott Visits Cyprus to Strengthen Collective Security Ties in the Mediterranean, Reaffirm Cypriot Sovereignty

U.S. Senator Rick Scott, member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower, traveled to the Republic of Cyprus to meet with Cypriot leaders. During his visit, Senator Scott discussed American interests in the Mediterranean and **reaffirmed his support for Cypriot sovereignty** from illegal Turkish military occupation forces and political pressure from Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

During the trip, Senator Scott met with U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus John Breslow and Cypriot Energy, Commerce, and Industry Minister Michael Damianos to discuss the expanding energy infrastructure between Europe and the Middle East as the United States increases oil and gas exports to the region. Senator Scott also visited the demilitarized United Nations Buffer Zone, which separates the south and north of the island and has been illegally occupied following a Turkish military invasion in 1974.

Senator Rick Scott said, *"America wants our allies in the Mediterranean and the Middle East to be strong so they can defend themselves without the U.S. acting as the world's policeman. A strong, reunified Cyprus makes it easier to do business in the region and counters the aggression we've seen from thugs like Putin and Erdogan. The principal obstacle to Cypriot sovereignty right now is Turkey, and we won't see progress until Erdogan and his regime decide to support their NATO obligations.*

"As the U.S. energy industry expands in the region and the flow of energy between the Middle East and Europe grows, our allies and partners must remain strong to deter potential threats. America's enemies chose to hate us, and they need to understand the United States will not let threats to our interests go unanswered."



U.S. Senator Rick Scott meets with John Breslow, U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus (left), and Michael Damianos, Energy, Commerce, and Industry Minister (center) in Larnaca, Cyprus, on October 16, 2026.



U.S. Senator Rick Scott speaks alongside Michael Damianos, Energy, Commerce, and Industry Minister in Larnaca, Cyprus, on October 16, 2026.

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Sen. Rick Scott Visits Israel to Strengthen Partnerships with U.S.

U.S. Senator Rick Scott, member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees, traveled to Israel to reaffirm the United States' commitment to supporting Israel and maintaining a strong alliance and partnership. During the visit, Senator Scott met with Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar. He also met with members of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), U.S. servicemen and women, and U.S. Department of War (DOW) personnel to discuss U.S.-Israeli collaboration, including projects to secure the U.S. southern border.

Senator Scott also traveled to the Golan Heights and Israel's Northern Command. During the visit, Senator Scott was briefed by U.S. and Israeli military on operations in southern Lebanon. He also met with Dolan Abu Saleh, Mayor of Majdal Shams, and bereaved families in the Druze community who lost children during the Hezbollah attack on a soccer field that killed 12 innocent children in July of 2024.

Senator Rick Scott said, "*From business partnerships to healthcare and medicine production, to defense technology, America's partnership with Israel is the model of how America First alliances should operate. Too many people in America have lost sight of the fact that Israel is the good guy and that Qatar, Iran, including its proxies Hamas and Hezbollah, are the bad guys who indiscriminately target and murder innocent people. Israel faces life-or-death threats every day, and innovation is what helps them deter and defeat our shared enemies. Israel holds up its side of the alliance, and we will continue to collaborate and share what we learn so we both get*

stronger. This partnership will maintain safety for our countries and economic advances to create jobs. I remain proud to call our friends in Israel a trusted partner and ally."











This is Senator Scott's seventh trip to Israel since he was elected Governor of Florida in 2010. Click **HERE** to view a list of Senator Scott's actions since the October 7, 2023, attacks.

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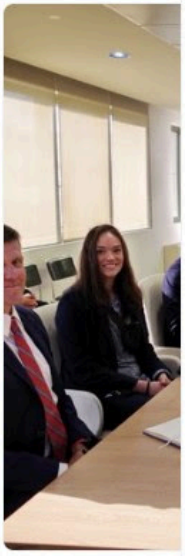
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Greece is a crucial NATO ally and a reliable partner to the United States. America First requires a strong NATO.

I am grateful that I had the opportunity to talk with leaders in Greece to maintain close ties with our allies and ensure the sustainment of freedom in our great countries.





Rick Scott
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America wants our allies in the Mediterranean and Middle East to be STRONG so they can deter threats.

A reunified Cyprus makes it easier to do business in the region and counters Putin and Erdogan's aggression. Erdogan and his thugs need to support their NATO obligations and stop undermining Cyprus by supporting Hamas terrorists and aligning with the Muslim Brotherhood.

Because one thing is for sure — America's enemies chose to hate us, and they need to understand the we won't let threats to our interests go unanswered.







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