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Marco Rubio
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Dear Marco:

I was disappointed by your recent comments in the media wrongly criticizing me over the stimulus dollars. Marco, as you know, all Republican members of the Florida House of Representatives, all but one Republican member of the Florida Senate, and every Republican Governor in the United States accepted stimulus money. I believe that if you were in the Florida House of Representatives, you too would have voted to accept these dollars in order to protect our seniors, protect our school children, and keep from adding to our struggling resident's tax burden. To recklessly lash out at those who are fighting in the trenches to cut spending, cut waste, reduce property taxes, reduce property insurance, and ensure that critical needs are funded is not only disingenuous, it demonstrates a lack of maturity.

Marco, you give a great speech that excites many, but you are woefully unable to provide solid solutions to the real problems the citizens of Florida face. It is easy when you are not in office to lob bombs at those who still are, but that my friend, is not statesmanship. While many are ensuring that the most vulnerable of Floridians, our seniors, veterans, children, and consumers are protected and provided for, you continue your political rhetoric.

If you somehow cling to the stance that you would have refused stimulus dollars, my question to you is this: Knowing the state had a 6 billion dollar reduction in revenue, how would you have balanced the state's budget without hurting our seniors, veterans, children, and consumers? The citizens of Florida have the right to know your answer now and not next week, next month, or next year. My constituents await your answer. Concrete answers are needed please, Marco and not more campaign talking points.

I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Mike Fasano
State Senator

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