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1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: A quorum is present,  
2 Mr. President.

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning. I have  
4 two announcements. The first one I'm making in  
5 conjunction with Attorney General Ashley Moody. If you  
6 look at what's going around the country in Florida,  
7 we've been very clear that we want people to be able to  
8 make their own decisions. We don't believe in COVID  
9 theater, and you do see lingering elements of that.

10 Although even some of the most  
11 restrictive states are starting to repeal vaccine  
12 passports and some of these mandates, you still have  
13 this federal rule that was just extended, forcing people  
14 to wear masks on airplanes. And it's not something  
15 that's grounded in any science.

16 Because if you have somebody sitting in  
17 the window seat and they're nibbling on peanuts for two  
18 and a half hours, they can have their mask down. You  
19 have the person in the middle seat that is not eating.  
20 If they just wanted to read a magazine without their  
21 mask, then somehow that would be a big problem. And  
22 it's turned the airlines into having to police this.  
23 It's created a lot of unruly passenger situations  
24 because it's so frustrating for people. And so this is  
25 something that I've been opposed to for a long time.

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1                   Unfortunately, there's not really been  
2   successful legal challenges to this. And I think most  
3   people thought that this was going to go to the way of  
4   the buffalo. But you have an extension, then you have  
5   Fauci coming out saying they may need to impose  
6   additional restrictions in the future, and we need to  
7   let people live their life. Obviously, in Florida, what  
8   we have control over, we do that. But in this federal  
9   mandate for air travel, I think is as good as we've done  
10   on domestic tourism, and we're the number one state  
11   people seem to want to come to, I think more people  
12   would want to fly if they did not have to have that for  
13   two hours or two and a half hours.

14                  And so I'm going to let Attorney General  
15   Moody come up and then I'll make my second announcement.  
16   But she's leading the effort to bring a legal challenge  
17   to this because I think it's important, in and of  
18   itself, but there's also an important legal principle at  
19   stake. So I support her efforts in this. It's amazing  
20   that this has gone on as long as it has, and I'm going  
21   to let her come up and talk about it. Go ahead.

22                  MS. MOODY: Well, good morning, and thank  
23   you for being here for this important announcement.  
24   This morning, the State of Florida, joined by 20 other  
25   states, has filed an action against the Biden



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1 Administration and multiple parties within to challenge  
2 the mandatory mask mandate within transportation hubs  
3 and on airplanes.

4 This rule, this order is completely  
5 outside the bounds of the scope of federal power, as we  
6 have argued successfully in numerous other cases. The  
7 CDC and the federal government and the Biden  
8 Administration never had the power to issue this order  
9 originally. And now, we are seeing that almost 75  
10 percent of these unruly, sometimes violent incidents are  
11 based on this unlawful mask mandate.

12 And I know that if you travel at all,  
13 everywhere you go, people are frustrated and taking it  
14 out on the employees that are charged with enforcing  
15 this rule that they have to wear a mask when it is an  
16 unfounded rule and order. And many people don't realize  
17 that this unlawful order carries with it not just civil  
18 penalties, but criminal penalties. Although, in the  
19 same order in which they mandated folks unfounded or  
20 unnecessarily wear masks throughout the United States  
21 and transportation hubs -- and by the way, that includes  
22 taxis and Ubers and ferries and all of these other  
23 transportation methods, not just planes -- they also  
24 included with it a criminal penalty. So you can imagine  
25 if you are a flight attendant or someone who works

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1 within an airport or on a ferry or an Uber driver, you  
2 are now charged with enforcing this unreasonable  
3 requirement.

4 And what is not surprising is that,  
5 within the same mandate that's unlawful, they say, we're  
6 going to issue a civil and criminal penalties, but don't  
7 worry, we probably won't even enforce the criminal  
8 penalties, which is M.O. for this administration  
9 throughout the nation, which causes so much chaos and  
10 confusion when they don't even enforce their own laws.

11 This must be lifted. We have a lot of  
12 faith in the Court that they will agree with our legal  
13 analysis. I think the governor would agree that we  
14 would hope and still demand that this administration  
15 take their tough on travel stance to the border. It  
16 seems that the protection of the American people takes a  
17 back seat to this radical scheme.

18 And so this is meant to push back on, yet  
19 again, another unlawful power grab by the Biden  
20 Administration. The governor and I are so proud to lead  
21 states across this nation, 21 in total, to ensure that  
22 this administration simply stays within their scope of  
23 power and follows the law. Thank you so much.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: And, if you remember,  
25 we won against the CDC in the Middle District of Florida

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1 with how they handled the cruise ships. They would have  
2 never moved if we had not brought that suit. And so  
3 Attorney General deserves a lot of credit for that.

4 We had a judge rule for Norwegian on a  
5 bizarre analysis of law saying First Amendment grounds  
6 meant we couldn't bar vaccine passports. That's on  
7 appeal. I can't imagine that that would stick as law.  
8 That was a really bizarre ruling.

9 But we were able to win on the big cruise  
10 ship case. We were also able to win on the OSHA mandate  
11 case. And then because we've provided substantive  
12 protections for Florida employees, we've been able to  
13 save the jobs against a lot of other vax mandates. So  
14 we're very much proud of that.

15 And we're also getting traction in this  
16 immigration case that we're doing against catch and  
17 release and some of Biden's policies. And so I think  
18 the state has done some effective litigating on behalf  
19 of Floridians to push back against an overreach from the  
20 Biden administration. I think Attorney General has done  
21 a great job of leading the way on that regard.

22 I'm also here to announce that prior to  
23 coming into this press conference, I officially vetoed  
24 the congressional redistricting map, as I said that I  
25 would. And so we have a veto message that has attached



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1 this stellar memo by our general counsel, Ryan Newman,  
2 who lays out what he has been saying from the very  
3 beginning as to why the approach that the legislature  
4 took was defective in their, I guess, understandable  
5 zeal to try to comply with what they believe the Florida  
6 Constitution was required. They forgot to make sure  
7 what they were doing complied with the 14th Amendment of  
8 the U.S. Constitution. And so I think that this is a  
9 very cogent analysis of what we see as the problems.

10 Later this afternoon, I will be issuing a  
11 proclamation to do a special legislative session. That  
12 is going to be in the middle of April. We're working on  
13 the precise dates with the legislative leaders, but I  
14 would count on sometime after Easter, we will be able to  
15 come back in and be able to get this across the finish  
16 line. So I want to thank our GC for doing this, and  
17 that veto is official.

18 And with that, we're happy to take  
19 questions about any of these legislative calls.

20 FEMALE REPORTER: -- legislative calls  
21 for the special session in mid April, will data privacy  
22 --

23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: So here's what I  
24 would say. I would love to have property insurance.  
25 I'd love to have data privacy. I would love to have

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1 constitutional carry. There's a lot of great things,  
2 but we just went through a legislative session where  
3 they failed to deliver on some of those priorities. And  
4 so what I will do is I will ask the legislative leaders,  
5 is there something that you can get across the finish  
6 line? And I will encourage them to do that, because I  
7 think that there's a lot of key things that we could do.  
8 So that is a possibility.

9           The initial call will just be for the  
10 congressional maps, but it is absolutely possible that  
11 when we actually convene, when they actually convene for  
12 this special session, that you could see additional  
13 issues raised in it.

14           MALE REPORTER: Do you think that where  
15 the legislature left the property insurance reform bill  
16 from the session unfinished, do you think that there's  
17 room for common ground for a special session, or do you  
18 think that issue has to be handled next year?

19           GOVERNOR DESANTIS: It won't go all the  
20 way to next year. I think at the latest, it will be  
21 when Speaker Renner takes over. I think right after the  
22 election, they will punch it through, I think. So  
23 that's the latest it will go. I'd like to do it before  
24 then because I think it will help try to realign  
25 incentives in the market.



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1                   You know, everything is going up.  
2    There's a general inflation that's affecting everything.  
3    But as you heard Altmaier talk about how Florida had 8  
4    percent of the claims nationwide and over 75 percent of  
5    the litigation. Clearly, there's some dysfunction in  
6    this. SB 76 did do some good things, but that was a  
7    compromise, and I don't think it did quite enough. We  
8    have had a couple of carriers come in, which is great,  
9    but I think if we did more, we'd be able to do it.

10                  Now, the Senate was working on it. We  
11    were very supportive of that, but basically that ran  
12    into a brick wall in the House. And so if the House is  
13    willing to entertain it, then they should absolutely do  
14    it.

15                  I am pretty confident, though, in my  
16    conversations with both Senator Passidomo and Speaker  
17    Designate Renner, that this will absolutely become a  
18    reality, and it will not wait until the actual session  
19    in 2023. It will be done this year.

20                  MALE REPORTER: How displeased were you  
21    with the FDLE commissioner's performance, and did it  
22    involve immigration enforcement?

23                  GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No. Look, I think  
24    he's faithfully served the state for decades, and we  
25    really much appreciate it. He's been in that position

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1 for over four years, four or five years. So that's a  
2 long run, and I think now we're in a situation where we  
3 have an opportunity to focus on some other issues. But  
4 I think it was just kind of a natural course of thing,  
5 and I think he served the state well, and I wish him  
6 well.

7 MALE REPORTER: I assume you have spoken  
8 with legislative leaders, and they're willing to come  
9 back to a special session?

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Yes, they are.

11 MALE REPORTER: So you are not expecting  
12 this to directly go to the Courts?

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No, exactly. So,  
14 yeah, so as I think you know, many of you know, there  
15 have been both in state court and federal court, there  
16 have been malapportionment cases that have been filed.  
17 And that's basically, if you don't have a congressional  
18 map, our state gained population, we clearly need 28  
19 districts, and so people would potentially have a claim  
20 there. Those Courts were starting to move on that. I  
21 thought it was premature, given that this hadn't even  
22 been presented to me. But clearly now with the veto and  
23 then later today with the announcement of a special  
24 session, I would imagine that those proceedings would be  
25 stayed because clearly this is the legislature and then

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1 in this case, the governor's prerogative, since I have  
2 to put my signature on it to be able to do this.

3 So you're not going to have it drawn by a  
4 court. I think we all agree that we have to work  
5 through this, and we understand kind of if the  
6 legislature's map, let's say the Senate's map had gone  
7 in, that would have been challenged on some of the  
8 grounds that we've articulated in this memo. If they go  
9 in a direction that we were advocating, it will be  
10 challenged on the other side. We understand that, and  
11 so that will happen. But it is absolutely, I think, the  
12 responsibility of the legislature to produce a map that  
13 can actually be signed into law.

14 MALE REPORTER: Forgive me for only just  
15 being able to scan it very quickly, sir, I do like to  
16 read things before I ask you questions. But I would  
17 like to ask you about it looks like you're talking about  
18 non diminishment and how you feel that maybe the non  
19 diminishment standard that they've used is violative of  
20 the U.S. Constitution and federal law.

21 But in how you want them to approach it,  
22 are you taking the position that you want -- you think  
23 that ultimately there needs to be litigation that would  
24 maybe knock out just that portion? Or do you think all  
25 the fair districts needs to go and should be tossed



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1     aside?

2                   GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Well, look, I think  
3     our goal in this was just to have a constitutional map.  
4     We were not trying to necessarily plot a type of  
5     litigation strategy. I think if you did a map along the  
6     lines that we had proposed, that will be challenged and  
7     there'll be plaintiffs that will say that that big  
8     district in North Florida, the District 5, that that's a  
9     diminishment and that must be put in. And they're going  
10    to ask courts, most likely state courts, up to the  
11    Florida Supreme Court, to put that district back in, and  
12    they will cite that provision of Florida constitution.

13                   We will obviously say it's  
14    unconstitutional to draw a district like that where race  
15    is the only factor. And so that will be a decision.  
16    That probably is enough to resolve the map.

17                   However, if it got to the point where you  
18    said that this is what the Florida constitution  
19    requires, 100 percent, and the non diminishment has not  
20    been fully vetted or fleshed out because we've only had  
21    one redistricting cycle, we basically said non  
22    diminishment means you can't diminish a VRA protected  
23    majority minority district like that's the maximum it  
24    could be and satisfy the federal constitution. If they  
25    believe that, well, then obviously this would not be

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1 implicated and they could uphold the map. If they  
2 didn't believe it, if they did the legislator's analysis  
3 where even a 30 percent couldn't be diminished, well  
4 then I think then you run into where the redistricting  
5 amendments become problematic.

6 And I do think just as a constitutional  
7 matter, the diminishment only applied under Section 5.  
8 It doesn't even apply anymore, but at the time it only  
9 applied under covered jurisdictions. There was  
10 pervasive evidence in the middle part of 20th Century of  
11 basically not allowing very many people to vote based on  
12 race. And so you had very tough medicine, but there was  
13 a showing as to why using race in that regard was  
14 something that was appropriate.

15 The redistricting amendments in Florida  
16 just said the entire state with no showing that it would  
17 be appropriate to use race in that fashion. I think  
18 that that raises huge constitutional concerns. I also  
19 think there's an internal inconsistency in Florida's  
20 redistricting amendments in the Tier 1, because on the  
21 one hand, it says you can't use criteria that would  
22 favor an incumbent or a political party. But on the  
23 other hand, you say that you have to allow, under  
24 Section 2, the minority candidate to elect the candidate  
25 of their choice. The problem is, when they do that

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1 functional analysis, what is the functional analysis  
2 leading to? It is leading to a partisan analysis.  
3 Because the analysis is, can the district elect an  
4 African American Democrat? So you have to consider  
5 partisanship to be able to satisfy that. So I think  
6 that there's an internal inconsistency there.

7 So to sum up, does it mean that the fair  
8 districts will necessarily have to be challenged? No,  
9 because they can interpret that non diminishment  
10 provision, saying it doesn't apply, short of a majority  
11 minority district. And then I don't think it would  
12 raise that. If they say non diminishment applies to any  
13 district based on whatever, even 30 percent, 35 percent,  
14 then I think that puts that in peril in terms of how  
15 that would do under the 14th Amendment.

16 MALE REPORTER: -- before the special  
17 session takes place?

18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I don't know. I mean  
19 it just depends. This is a big budget, as you guys  
20 know. We go through -- I'm going through all the bills.  
21 I've gone through a number of them, but I got a lot more  
22 legislation to go through. We're going through -- I  
23 haven't even had a full budget briefing. We do this  
24 over a long period of time. We go over the different  
25 projects. So I just don't know when that's going to be



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1 done.

2 My sense would be it's going to take us  
3 several weeks to go through the budget situation. So I  
4 would not anticipate it being done by then, per se, but  
5 it's not really related to that. It's just a matter of  
6 it takes time to go through and vet these things.

7 I think most of you know, the House came  
8 in with a budget, so my budget was 99.7 billion. But in  
9 fairness to the legislature, they increased the Medicaid  
10 by hundreds of millions of dollars. They increased the  
11 work program by a lot. So just constant, it would have  
12 been over 100 billion even with my budget. So the House  
13 did 105 billion; the Senate did 108 billion. They go to  
14 conference and they come out with \$112 billion. I don't  
15 know how that works, but that's just the reality.

16 So it just means we're going to have to  
17 scrutinize this. I mean, I think if you look at what's  
18 going on with our receipts, I think we had, what, \$450  
19 million above estimate for February. So they literally  
20 are doing this estimate in January for February. We're  
21 already almost a half a billion over. I think March is  
22 going to be very strong. I haven't gotten those updates  
23 yet. So we're going to have more surplus general  
24 revenue than we even forecasted. And this is one of the  
25 biggest surpluses.

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1                   At the same time, I want to protect that  
2   because we don't know what's going to happen. If you  
3   heard Watch the Cabinet meeting. They had Ben Watkins  
4   talk about interest rates are going up, that could  
5   potentially be a drag on the economy. You could end up  
6   with Biden, before he's out of office, with some type of  
7   a recession. So I want to make sure we have a cushion  
8   to be able to deal with that.

9                   So it just requires us to go through a  
10   lot of things. Sometimes it's actually easier for the  
11   legislature to do the budget when it's a little tighter.  
12   Because I think what they're able to say is, look, we're  
13   just not -- can't afford it. This year, they couldn't  
14   tell anybody that their projects couldn't be afforded  
15   because honestly, we could afford it if we wanted to.  
16   It's just a matter about how much money do you want to  
17   make sure that we're building for future events and  
18   future surpluses?

19                  Also, I just want to say one thing in  
20   relation to one of the things I saw yesterday. We  
21   signed the Parents Rights In Education Bill. It's  
22   interesting when, like, a Disney owned ABC would put  
23   that out on Tweet, they'd say, Governor DeSantis signs  
24   bill to prohibit instruction in sexual identity and  
25   gender identity in some grades. Some grades? Why would

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1 they say some grades instead of K through 3? It's just  
2 amazing if you're trying to inform the -- so you saw a  
3 lot of this. But then for Disney to come out and put a  
4 statement and say that the bill should have never passed  
5 and that they are going to actively work to repeal it, I  
6 think, one, was fundamentally dishonest, but two, I  
7 think that crossed the line.

8 This state is governed by the interests  
9 of the people of the state of Florida. It is not based  
10 on the demands of California corporate executives. They  
11 do not run this state. They do not control this state.  
12 I also thought it was interesting. I talked to the  
13 Speaker of the House yesterday afternoon, and he said  
14 Disney never called him while they were putting this  
15 through the House. They didn't seem to have a problem  
16 with it when it was going through. If this was such an  
17 affront, why weren't they speaking up at the outset?  
18 And yet they won't. And then for them to say they're  
19 going to actively work to repeal substantive protections  
20 for parents, as a company that is supposedly marketing  
21 its services to parents with young children, I think  
22 they crossed the line.

23 And, you know, people ask me kind of  
24 about their posture on the bill. I said, you know what,  
25 if we would have put in the bill that you were not



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1 allowed to have curriculum that discussed the oppression  
2 of the Uyghurs in China, Disney would have endorsed that  
3 in a second. And that's the hypocrisy of this. And  
4 we're going to make sure we're fighting back when people  
5 are threatening our parents and threatening our kids.

6 MALE REPORTER: Is the legislature going  
7 to agree with your interpretation of the fair districts?

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: What's that?

9 MALE REPORTER: Is the legislature going  
10 to agree with your interpretation of --

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: So here's what I  
12 think. I think they agree on this. I think what they  
13 said is, initially, we just have to follow the case law  
14 from last decade, which I'm not sure, quite frankly, is  
15 going to end up being good law if this goes up to the  
16 current court. And we're going to follow the text of  
17 the state constitution. And they really didn't do the  
18 analysis about the 14th Amendment.

19 And I think their view is, well, it's in  
20 our state constitution, of course, that's a compelling  
21 state interest. That has not ever been held to be the  
22 case and that's not. So I think now they do understand  
23 that this is something that is a very, very live issue.  
24 I mean, you can just see the U.S. Supreme Court just  
25 kicked back the Wisconsin legislative districts. Why?

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1 Because there was racial gerrymandering. The Supreme  
2 Court took the Alabama case. They put a stay on the  
3 decision of the three judge panel. They took the  
4 Alabama case. They would not have taken that case under  
5 that posture unless they were going to make sure that  
6 they're going to limit the role that race plays in  
7 congressional redistricting. I think that's almost  
8 assuredly.

9 So I think that they understand kind of  
10 some of the judicial evolutions that have happened over  
11 the last few months. And quite frankly, I mean, I think  
12 this analysis is something that's been very powerful. I  
13 think most people, certainly most conservative lawyers  
14 who look at these issues agree with this analysis. And  
15 obviously the leadership and the legislature, they're  
16 going to be more in line with what a lot of the  
17 conservative lawyers think. So I think we understand.

18 But we also understand that what they did  
19 in the map that I just vetoed, they did a primary and  
20 secondary map. I understood what the Senate did to keep  
21 that long snake district, which was a pure racial  
22 gerrymander. It was not a VRA protected seat. But I  
23 understand that because they basically said, look, the  
24 state constitution says you cannot diminish. If we  
25 don't draw it like that and weave in and out of

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1 communities to focus on maximizing the number of people  
2 by race, then we will diminish. And so they were  
3 reading that very literally. They followed kind of what  
4 the court had said last decade. So I totally understand  
5 that.

6 I have no clue how the House then did a  
7 massive diminishment, but then still did a race based  
8 district where they were trying to get it performed in a  
9 certain way that I just don't understand. So I  
10 understand what the Senate did. I think that runs afoul  
11 of the 14th Amendment. I don't understand the primary  
12 map that I vetoed, how they could have ended up in that  
13 situation. So we're going to work through these issues.  
14 I think at the end of the day, there's a lot that was  
15 going on in session and then now they'll be able to come  
16 back and really focus on this. There may be some other  
17 issues to deal with, and hopefully there are, but  
18 certainly I think they're going to have an ability to do  
19 this and do this.

20 MALE REPORTER: : Wellsuit the governor  
21 said, I'm sorry, there's former FDA chiefs and other  
22 folks are saying that the math mandate for airplanes and  
23 whatnot is not going to last till the end of the month.  
24 That flight was trying to figure everything out. What  
25 why is this lawsuit necessary for.



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1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Going to well, I'll  
2 I'll let I'll let Ashley come in and speak to that.  
3 But, I mean, look, they said 15 days to slow the spread.  
4 Okay? So at the end of the day, there's a legal  
5 principle at stake here. There's a constitutional  
6 principle at stake here. And you had FALCHI he had been  
7 basically on hiatus for a while, and now he's reemerged  
8 saying you can't rule out more restrictions at some  
9 point in the future, even though these restrictions have  
10 been ineffective. So even if they let it lapse, I  
11 definitely think as we get into next fall and winter,  
12 there COVID be an attempt to reimpose it. But I'll let  
13 Ashley speak to that.

14 MS. MOODY: Sure. And this is a common  
15 misunderstanding. The original CDC order, which was  
16 unlawful from the beginning, it totally goes outside the  
17 scope of federal power. It gave no one notice and  
18 comment. It imposes some sanctions. But the TSA has a  
19 separate penalty structure. And so even though you have  
20 the original order, you have this TSA order that imposes  
21 a penalty structure. And that's what they keep re  
22 upping and keep extending. But the original order is  
23 still in place. It still also has a penalty to it. And  
24 so, regardless of whether they extend this TSA order  
25 again, which Biden has routinely said, I know I don't

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1 have authority to do something, and then does it anyway,  
2 I don't know why, even when it makes no sense, I don't  
3 think anyone should assume that they're not going to  
4 extend it again in April, because that has been the  
5 history of this administration. But even if they  
6 didn't, we would still have the underlying unlawful CDC  
7 order. I fly commercial aircraft.

8 MALE REPORTER: On a commercial aircraft.

9 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I've obviously done  
10 that a lot in my life. And I can tell you that it's not  
11 necessarily always the most pleasant experience when  
12 you're dealing with commercial air travel, but to impose  
13 that and look, it's less about I mean, I think less  
14 about me. Like, if I'm traveling with my family, like  
15 my kids, five, four and two, I don't even know what it  
16 would be like to try to do, because we've never put a  
17 mask on them. But I know a lot of these families and  
18 these kids, every time as a parent, you would bring kids  
19 on an airplane, you always don't know, like, how are  
20 they going to react? How are they going to behave? And  
21 to have that thrown into the mix, I know it's been very  
22 frustrating for an awful lot of parents.

23 MS. MOODY: And I can tell you routinely  
24 in my travels, watching mothers, exasperated fathers  
25 trying to control their young children. It has caused

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1 so much confusion, so much chaos, so much pressure on  
2 the employees. And as you know, the airlines themselves  
3 have demanded that the administration take a look at  
4 that and consider what they're forcing on them to do.  
5 Passengers become am, frustrated. I can't tell you how  
6 many times I've seen people get frustrated and angry and  
7 speak out against these flight attendants that are just  
8 trying to keep a serene, safe environment. So for many  
9 reasons, this is the right time to rescind this order.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right, thanks.

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