

STATE POLICY PRIORITIES

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Catalyst Miami focuses on economic and climate justice so everyday people in South Florida can afford to stay here, for generations to come.

1. Guarantee Florida's Future

Given the considerable population and assets at 4ft or less above sea level, Florida is known as “ground zero” for the climate crisis. The very existence of our economy and livelihoods are at risk in the face of climate change. Furthermore, Florida’s low-wealth communities are impacted first and worst by extreme heat, skyrocketing electric bills, stronger hurricanes, and flooding. We must act now to prevent the worst impacts of the climate crisis and to take advantage of the opportunity to improve health outcomes and prosperity through ambitious climate action. In 2026, we will be supporting legislation that improves access among low-wealth Floridians to a cleaner, more just, and affordable energy system.

Catalyst Miami supports the following bills for Climate Justice:

- Waste Facilities (SB 1196 / HB 1089)
- Food Waste Prevention (SB 1464 / HB 1523)
- Data Center (SB 484 / HB 1517)
- Florida Public Service Commission (SB 126 / HB 187)*

**Support with ammendments.*

2. Address our Housing Crisis

We believe that housing is a human right and that creating housing stability can improve economic stability across the state. In Miami-Dade County, about 50% of households spend more than 30% of their income on housing, with 90% of renters earning under \$50,000 being cost-burdened. In 2022, over 19,600 evictions were filed, and foreclosure filings have risen more than 30% since 2019. Floridians deserve safe, affordable housing and a fairer court system.

Catalyst Miami supports the following bills for Housing Justice:

- Emergency Residential Property Insurance Assistance Trust Fund/Department of Financial Services (SB 160)
- Rental Agreements for Residential Tenancies (SB 716 / HB 811)
- Affordable Housing (SB 756 / HB 675)
- Tax Credits for Housing for Homeless Employees* (HB 51)

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3. Achieve Economic Justice

Catalyst Miami strives for economic justice because everyone deserves the opportunity to work with dignity, earn a living wage, and build financial stability for themselves and their families. That is why we support legislation that helps ensure that individuals and families facing crisis are not pushed further into poverty simply because they lack immediate resources. At the same time, we oppose measures like Minimum Wage Requirements and Employment Eligibility because they create additional barriers to fair pay and stable employment. Economic justice means protecting workers, expanding access to opportunity, and ensuring that policies strengthen communities rather than deepen inequality. When families are economically secure, our entire community is stronger, more resilient, and better positioned to thrive.

Catalyst Miami supports the following bill for Economic Justice:

- Emergency Relief (SB 170 / HB 385)

Catalyst Miami opposes:

- Minimum Wage Requirements (SB 1412 / HB 221)
- Employment Eligibility (SB 1278 / HB 197)

4. Our Health is Our Wealth

Catalyst Miami supports expanding healthcare access to advance health justice. With enhanced federal premium subsidies ending and healthcare costs rising, many families risk losing affordable coverage, making state and local action more urgent than ever. Expanding Medicaid could cover more than 800,000 Floridians and save the state an estimated \$200 million annually. A healthy Florida is a prosperous Florida.

Catalyst Miami supports the following bills for Health Justice:

- Contract Protection for Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults (SB 120)
- Medical Debt (SB 1222 / HB 1271)
- Mandatory Human Reviews of Insurance Claim Denials (SB 202 / HB 527)
- Food Insecure Areas (SB 852 / HB 337)

5. Other Notable Issues

Each year we take notice of bills outside our main categories of work that will nevertheless have major impacts on Florida residents. The following bills would roll back or weaken protections our communities need to thrive.

Catalyst Miami supports:

- Educational Facilities (SB 424 / HB 6023)
- Restoration of Rights Voting Database (SB 132 / HB 73)

Catalyst Miami opposes:

- Commercial Motor Vehicles Operated by Unauthorized Aliens (SB 86 / HB 1247)
- Political Activity on Public Institutions of Higher Education (SB 1736 / HB 725)
- Charter Schools (SB 824 / HB 1147)

