



The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

Richard Corcoran
Speaker

June 9, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
The Governor of Florida
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400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott,

Thank you for your leadership. Your robust new economic development program, which is a model for the nation, will build on your actions and produce strong and continuous job growth in Florida.

The Special Session convened based on your proclamation has been focused on public infrastructure, workforce training and increased education funding. In response, the Legislature is engaged in a vigorous debate about the ways to best advance these critical goals.

The House is appalled by the devastating economic impact resulting from the blue-green algae bloom in South Florida. As this crisis unfolded, tourism declined, jobs were lost, and the environment was seriously harmed. This disaster has all the characteristics and consequences that the Florida Job Growth Fund is designed to address. The House believes infrastructure projects, such as the rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike, can assist economic recovery and support the area's workforce.

Thanks to your friendship with President Trump, you successfully secured a commitment for federal matching funds for accelerating this project—an even greater opportunity to support economic recovery in this area. With some additional specificity in the statutory authority for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, we can enable you to make a specific and targeted investment in this critical Florida infrastructure.

Another aspect of this problem that can be addressed in a similar manner is the role of higher education. These institutions can and should provide ongoing research, training, and support for

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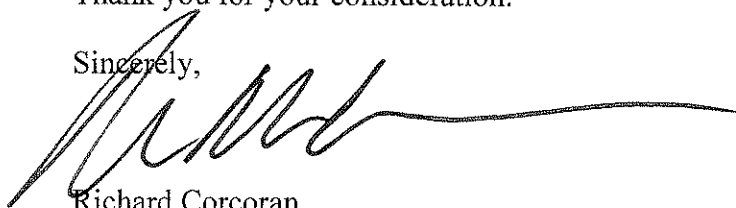
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local economic recovery. As I have publicly stated, the House will not participate in any legislative action to override your higher education project vetoes. However, with your agreement, we can support more conservative appropriations to provide funding for higher education projects that will contribute to the broader goal of strong public infrastructure and a skilled workforce.

Expansion of the call is not necessary. However, we ask for your consent by amending your proclamation to include funding for the Herbert Hoover Dike rehabilitation project and state university and college improvement projects as examples of economic opportunity grants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Corcoran', followed by a long horizontal flourish line extending to the right.

Richard Corcoran
Speaker of the House