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May 28, 2010

Interim Secretary Dawn Roberts
Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 1565, enacted during the 112th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to rulemaking ...

HB 1565 makes several changes in law relating to the operation of agencies in Florida. Most notable, the bill requires the Legislature to ratify all rules which are projected to have an economic effect above a certain threshold.

I am concerned about the costs of regulation on businesses, particularly small businesses, and have supported legislation in the past that streamlines agency processes for rulemaking and for issuing permits. Additionally, I have directed agencies to cut red tape and reduce regulatory costs wherever possible.

However, instead of addressing regulatory costs, this bill encroaches on the principle of separation of powers. The Florida Constitution reserves to the executive branch the responsibility to ensure that the laws of the state are faithfully executed. The exercise of rulemaking by state agencies is an important part of that executive function and current law ensures that agencies have the appropriate authority to pass rules.

If HB 1565 did become law, nearly every rule may have to await an act of the Legislature to become effective. This could increase costs to businesses, create more red tape, and potentially harm Florida's economy.

For the reasons stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 1565, and do hereby veto the same.

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November 16, 2010

The Honorable Dawn K. Roberts Interim Secretary of State 500 South Bronough Street R.A. Gray Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 2010 NOV 16 PH 8: 57

Dear Secretary Roberts:

I hand you herewith CS/CS/HB 1565 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, entitled:

An act relating to rulemaking;

which has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate by the required Constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting in each house in accordance with Article III, Section 8, the Governor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. "Bob" Ward Clerk of the House

R. Philip Twogood Secretary of the Senate

cc: The Honorable Dean Cannon, Speaker

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos, President