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Dear Secretary Detzner:

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget, as passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law today, cuts taxes for Florida families, holds the line on tuition and provides historic levels of education funding in Florida. We first recommended this Budget in January to put more money back into the pockets of Florida families through \$500 million in tax cuts. I am pleased to report that we have reached our goal for Florida families this year. These tax cuts will ensure that Floridians can keep more of their hard-earned money and pursue their dreams in our state.

The tax cuts in this Budget will also help Florida maintain positive economic momentum as our state's economy continues to add jobs and opportunities for families. Florida's unemployment rate is down to 6.2 percent and has remained below the national average for nine consecutive months. In a little over three years, Florida's private sector has created more than 600,400 jobs and Floridians all across the Sunshine State are finding greater job opportunities and are now better able to provide for their families.

In addition to cutting taxes and creating an environment where our private sector can grow, the It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget continues our commitment to invest in education. This Budget includes historic funding levels for K-12, state colleges, and universities in Florida. We have remained focused on equipping Florida's education system with the resources necessary to provide every student a world-class education. In addition to historic funding levels for education, we worked with the Legislature this Session to hold the line on tuition, making college more affordable for every family in our state. By increasing the accessibility of higher education for all, we are investing in Florida's future, training our state's workforce, and building an opportunity economy where every Florida family can succeed.

This Budget includes strategic investments that give Florida taxpayers a positive return on investment. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer funds, and that is why I have vetoed special legislative projects totaling \$68.9 million. The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget totals \$77 billion of strategic investments for Florida's future and includes \$605.6 million in budget savings and a more productive state workforce.

This Budget furthers our commitment to making Florida the best state in the nation to live, work, and raise a family. By cutting taxes, eliminating burdensome regulation, and making strategic investments that improve the lives of families, we have put Florida on a path towards prosperity and opportunity for our children and our grandchildren.

Highlights of Strategic Investments in the It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget Include the Following:

Continued Investment in Job Growth

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget continues to support the key elements of Florida's economic growth agenda: creating jobs, promoting an economic climate for Florida's businesses to grow and thrive, and providing resources to quickly and efficiently support job creation and economic development opportunities.

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides more than \$71 million in flexible economic development funding for incentives to attract the most promising business opportunities and stimulate Florida's economy. Incentives such as the Quick Action Closing Fund, the Qualified Targeted Industry Tax Refund, and the Innovation Incentive Program help create an economic environment that encourages the creation, relocation, and expansion of businesses, which creates more jobs for Floridians.

- **Quick Response Training:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$12.1 million for skills training offered to companies that are creating and training new high-skill/high-wage jobs in the state either by expanding their current workforce or relocating their companies to Florida.
- **Economic Development Incentives:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$71 million in flexible funding to improve Florida's economy, allowing the state to quickly and efficiently respond to job creation opportunities through economic development incentive programs.
- **Enterprise Florida, Inc.:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$19.9 million for Enterprise Florida. This total includes \$1 million for international trade and export, and \$600,000 to maintain international offices in China and Japan. EFI anticipates allocating \$6.8 million in total for international trade and development, which includes International Offices. In addition, the Florida Sports Foundation receives \$5 million to focus on sports economic development.
- **VISIT Florida:** On the heels of back-to-back record years of tourism, Florida's #1 industry, VISIT Florida is funded at \$74 million, which is \$10.5 million above the current funding level. This total includes \$1.3 million related to veterans: \$1 million to market Florida to veterans as a permanent home and increase veterans' knowledge of and access to benefits, and \$300,000 to conduct market research on the educational and employment needs of Florida's veterans. Furthermore, \$5 million is provided for a Medical Tourism Marketing Plan and Medical Tourism Matching Grants.

VISIT Florida works with businesses and Florida communities to promote tourism in Florida. In 2013, tourism was responsible for bringing 94.7 million visitors to Florida.

Those visitors spent more than \$76 billion, generating 23 percent of the state's sales tax revenue and employing more than one million Floridians.

Strengthening Florida's Education System

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget invests in Florida's education system, providing the highest total funding ever for the K-12 public school system, the Florida College System, and the State University System. These investments will ensure Florida students have access to a high-quality, affordable education.

The fundamental goal of Florida's early learning programs is to provide high quality early childhood education. This Budget provides an additional \$3 million to expand direct services for low-income working families that are eligible for school readiness programs. These funds will provide early education as well as much-needed child care for low-income families, allowing them to work and further support their families. In addition, this Budget provides a \$54 per student increase for the free, voluntary prekindergarten education for all four-year-olds in the state.

The fundamental goal of our K-12 system is to prepare our students for future success in college and careers. This Budget includes \$20.7 billion in total funding for K-12 education, an increase of \$372 million over last year's budget. This funding also includes \$45.3 million for the Florida Teacher's Classroom Supply Assistance Program and \$48.3 million specifically for rural districts. In addition, it maintains the \$480 million provided for pay raises for our public school teachers. The success of Florida's students is the result of the state's outstanding classroom teachers. For example:

- Florida is first in the nation for the highest percentage of students in a graduating class taking an AP exam;
- Florida's teachers earned the top score in the nation two years in a row for teacher quality;
- Florida's Hispanic graduation rate is first in the nation;
- Florida leads all other mega-states in achievement gains in 4th and 8th grade reading and math;
- Florida's 4th grade students ranked 2nd in the world in an international reading survey; and
- Florida has the highest African American student achievement gains in the nation.

Our goal for educational success continues in Florida's higher education system. The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget continues to hold the line on tuition increases. It provides \$32 million in new funding for Florida College System operating costs, an increase of 2.9 percent over the current year, and includes historic total funding of \$2 billion. This Budget provides \$238.8 million in new funding for state university operating costs, an increase of 6.9 percent over current year. Total operating funding of \$3.7 billion represents historic total funding for the State University System.

Our students must be prepared for careers and have the skills to compete in a global economy. Performance based funding and the adoption of meaningful metrics will ensure that our higher education institutions are meeting the needs of students, parents, and employers, while ensuring a positive return on investment for all Florida families. This Budget includes \$200 million for performance funding to reward universities' success in helping students earn degrees that result in higher paying jobs.

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget holds the line on tuition increases and supports tuition assistance for students attending private colleges and universities. It is important that we make tuition more affordable and reduce the impact of sky-rocketing tuition rates on students and families. Holding the line on tuition increases makes degrees more accessible for students and families.

- **Historic Total and State K-12 Public School Funding:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides an historic \$10.6 billion in state funding for K-12 public schools, including \$40 million for digital classrooms. The Budget also includes \$7.9 million in new funding for principal training, \$134.6 million in continued funding for teacher training, \$23.1 million for mentoring programs, and a total of \$4.5 million for the school district matching grant program.
- **K-12 School Building Funds:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$75 million in funding for charter school facilities, \$50 million for maintenance at traditional K-12 public schools—which is in addition to the \$2 billion in funds traditional public schools receive from local sources— and \$5.9 million for other education capital projects.
- **K-12 Rural School District Additional Investments:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$2.5 million in funding to assist rural school districts across the state. Funding is provided to three regional educational consortia to create greater equity between large and small districts by providing small districts access to resources and expertise they could not otherwise provide.
- **K-12 Rural School District Construction and Renovation:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$60.7 million for eight rural school districts' school and classroom projects in Glades, Washington, Madison, Levy, Calhoun, Holmes, Dixie, and Putnam Counties.
- **Early Learning:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$396.1 million for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program, which increases funding by \$54 per student. This Budget provides \$555.5 million for the School Readiness program, including an increase of \$3 million to further expand school readiness services. This Budget includes \$10.5 million for an early learning performance pilot program to award child care providers and instructors for improving quality.
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- **State College and University New Construction and Building Maintenance:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$106.7 million for Florida College System facilities and \$158 million for State University System facilities. This Budget also provides \$15 million for maintenance and repair for the Florida College System and \$57.6 million for maintenance and repair for the State University System.
- **Education Performance Funding:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget invests in performance funding for Florida's education systems. This Budget includes \$10.5 million for an early learning performance pilot program to award child care providers and instructors for improving quality. This Budget includes \$2.5 million for K-12 school districts that provided teacher salary increases based on performance results. The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget continues level funding of \$5 million each for Workforce Education industry certifications and Florida College System industry certifications. This Budget supports \$200 million for performance funding to reward universities' success in helping students obtain high paying jobs while keeping tuition affordable.
- **Disability Services:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$18.3 million in new state funding to draw down additional federal dollars for a total of \$45.4 million and eliminate the critical needs waitlist in the vocational rehabilitation program to help disabled individuals find jobs. In addition, \$272,400 is provided to support the disability jobs portal point of contact to help Floridians with disabilities find employment opportunities.
- **Increasing College Affordability and Expanding Scholarships:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget holds the line on tuition increases. It also increases Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) awards, Access to Better Learning and Education Grant (ABLE) awards, and Rosewood Family Scholarships as follows:
 - FRAG: \$22.7 million for an award of \$3,000 per student (an increase of \$500 per student);
 - ABLE: \$2.4 million for an award of \$1,500 per student (an increase of \$339 per student); and
 - Rosewood: \$196,747 for an award of up to \$6,100 per student (an increase of \$2,100 per student and 25 awards).

- **Industry Certifications:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides continued funding of \$5 million for the Florida College System and \$5 million for District Workforce Education programs. Colleges and school districts earn \$1,000 for each industry certification that a student attains in a targeted occupational area. It also includes an additional \$30 million for high school and middle school industry certifications.

Protecting Public Safety

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget for Criminal Justice and Corrections maintains funding to support Florida's sentencing laws that require individuals to serve at least 85 percent of their prison sentence before being released. Florida's crime statistics reflect a continued decrease in crime. A 43-year-low crime rate can be attributed to tougher sentencing laws that hold individuals accountable through targeted, effective rehabilitation efforts in Florida's jails, prisons, and communities. Effective crime fighting tools and technologies are helping law enforcement protect Florida families and visitors.

This Budget ensures Florida's state and local criminal justice agencies have the appropriate resources to provide for the safety and protection of Florida families and visitors through effective investigations, prosecution, security, and targeted rehabilitation and prevention efforts.

- **Ensuring Safe Prisons:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$31.3 million to hire more than 378 correctional officers to fill vacancies, as well as additional positions to meet any future needs. This Budget invests \$5.3 million for critical prison facility maintenance and repairs, and \$500,000 for prisoner transport vehicles.
- **Safer Communities through Reduced Recidivism:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget invests the following:
 - \$3 million for electronic monitoring of inmates on work detail in communities and persons on probation who are required to wear an electronic monitoring device as a condition of supervision;
 - \$9.3 million to open the newly built Baker and Everglades Reentry Centers, for prisoners completing their sentence; and
 - \$3.3 million to expand community-based substance abuse treatment programs for drug offenders.
 - In addition, this Budget supports \$2.7 million for job training and placement for released inmates through Operation New Hope, Ready4Work, and the Pinellas Ex-Offender Reentry programs. This Budget also provides \$400,000 for mental health overlay treatment of persons with serious mental health issues at risk of recidivating and reentering the criminal justice system.

- **Continuing Reforms in Juvenile Justice:** With a continued decline in residential commitments of youth resulting from effective prevention and intervention services, the It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget continues and expands prevention and treatment programs to more at risk youth. This investment includes the following:
 - \$2 million to increase capacity in existing PACE Centers for Girls across the state and open a new school in Clay County;
 - \$3.4 million to expand the children-in-need/families-in-need counseling services in rural counties; and
 - \$5.5 million for Boys and Girls Clubs to provide delinquency prevention programs to over 18,000 youth at risk of entering the juvenile justice system, and \$1.5 million for the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs targeting 1,200 at risk youth that have an incarcerated parent.
- **Protecting Vulnerable Children:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$6 million to recruit volunteers to represent more than 2,000 additional dependent children through court proceedings.
- **Protecting Families from Abuse and Violence:** This Budget supports \$3.5 million for the continued funding of the 26 child advocacy centers statewide that provide services to victims of child abuse and neglect.
- **State Courts:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget funds priorities within the State Court System, including oversight of appropriate supervised drug treatment programs.
 - Florida started the national drug court movement in 1989 by creating the first drug court in the United States in Miami-Dade County. This Budget continues funding for eight drug courts that were previously funded through a federal grant program and have demonstrated success, along with innovative treatment tools and mental health services.

Investing in Florida's Most Vulnerable Communities

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget for Health and Human Services (HHS) prioritizes investments in the future of our state—from ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of our children, to enhancing the state's economic competitiveness among the largest and fastest growing industries in the global economy.

This Budget provides more than \$50 million in new funding for child protection and child welfare. Significant increases are made to evidence-based programs in Healthy Families, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Family Intensive Treatment Teams, and Community Based Care lead agencies aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect before it begins.

Additional funding increases in child protection services are focused on children at serious risk of abuse and neglect. The addition of 270 child protective investigators at the Department of Children and Families will help to reduce average caseloads to well within the recommended standards so that more time and energy can be given to each child's case. An additional \$8 million for the six counties where sheriffs conduct child protection investigations will be allocated through a new, standardized funding mechanism so that state funding for these services follows the children in need of protection.

This Budget provides \$60 million to establish the Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute (NCI) Centers Program. This new program will enhance the quality and competitiveness of cancer care in this state, further a statewide biomedical research strategy directly responsive to the health needs of Florida's citizens, and capitalize on the potential educational opportunities available to our students. A consistent source of state funding to assist cancer centers to achieve and maintain the prestigious NCI designation will position Florida as a national leader in cancer research and expand the availability of world-class, cutting-edge treatments across the state.

Cancer is the leading cause of death in Florida, and our state has the second-largest overall cancer burden in the U.S. That's why we are committed to making the investments necessary for fighting the disease that impacts so many families. The addition of other programs, including \$20 million for the peer-reviewed William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr. and David Coley Cancer Research Program, and the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program, brings the total amount of funding dedicated to cancer research and treatment in this year's Budget to more than \$80 million.

This Budget also makes substantial investments to remove all remaining individuals with critical needs from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiting list, expand capacity to help elderly residents continue to live in their communities, establish a new peer-review grant program for Alzheimer's research, and make Florida the most attractive state in the nation for veterans of all ages.

- **Agency for Persons with Disabilities Waitlist Funding:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$20 million to remove more than 1,000 individuals from the waiting list for the second year in a row. This additional funding will bring all remaining individuals with critical needs off the waiting list and provide them with home and community-based services to help them live, learn, and work in their communities—a first in the history of the program.
- **Supported Employment:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides a total of \$2.5 million for job placement and training for individuals with developmental disabilities on the waiting list. With this increased funding, more young adults with developmental disabilities will have firsthand opportunities to demonstrate their skills in the workplace. Maximizing firsthand experiences in the workplace was one of three primary recommendations contained in the 2012 report by the Governor's Commission on Jobs for Floridians with Disabilities.

- **The Billy Joe Rish Recreational Park:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$1 million to provide for maintenance and repairs at Billy Joe Rish Park, located near Port St. Joe in Northwest Florida. Rish Park is open year-round for people with disabilities and their family members, guardians, and caregivers.
- **Personal Needs Allowance:** This Budget supports \$539,000 to increase the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$105 per month for individuals living in Intermediate Care Facilities run by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This increased funding will partially offset the individual cost-share for residential care, allowing persons with disabilities to keep more of their personal income.
- **Early Intervention Services for Autism:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$1.4 million for early screening and intervention services for children with autism spectrum disorder in underserved families. These services will provide support to families by teaching critical skills, reducing problem behavior, and improving IQ and adaptive and social skills in their children. Funding is also provided to train future physicians, psychologists, and behavioral therapists who are crucial in the effort to expand access to these important services in the future.
- **MACTown Fitness and Wellness:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget continues efforts to identify new ideas for helping individuals with developmental disabilities achieve their maximum potential in living healthy and productive lives. This Budget supports \$175,000 in funding to MACTown Fitness and Wellness Center in Miami-Dade for a personalized, safe, and closely monitored environment where individuals can pursue their fitness goals through education, hands-on experience, and a consistent exercise schedule consisting of professional and specialized equipment and aerobics classes. The healthier the individual, the better they are able to maximize their independent living skills.
- **The Arc of Florida Dental Services:** This Budget supports much-needed dental services for individuals with developmental disabilities with an additional \$2 million provided to The Arc of Florida. Funds will be used to enroll new providers and continue statewide coordinated dental services, which will improve the health and self-confidence of the people served.
- **Rate Increase for Adult Day Training Providers:** This Budget supports \$1.3 million for a two percent across-the-board raise to all adult day training service providers in the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver program. These services are among the most popular in the program. Providers offer individuals up to six hours per day of training in the areas of self-help, adaptive, and social skills. These services are provided in congregate, facility-based settings, and may include off-site enclaves or mobile work crews.

Investing in Cancer Research

- **Florida Consortium of NCI Centers:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$60 million to establish the Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute (NCI) Centers Program to assist Florida's cancer centers in achieving and maintaining the prestigious National Institute of Health's NCI designation. This new program will enhance the quality and competitiveness of cancer care in this state, further a statewide biomedical research strategy directly responsive to the health needs of Florida's citizens, and capitalize on the potential educational opportunities available to its students. NCI-designated Cancer Centers provide the latest in medical discoveries to patients, serve the educational needs of health professionals, and promote health equity throughout communities. Florida's cancer centers provide patients with world-class treatment and the necessary support to beat this terrible disease.
- **James and Esther King:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$10 million in funding for the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program. This program awards grants to research projects through a competitive, peer-reviewed process directing funding to the most promising projects.
- **William G. "Bill" Bankhead and David Coley:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget continues \$10 million in funding for the William G. "Bill" Bankhead and David Coley Cancer Research Program. This program also awards grants to research projects through a competitive, peer-reviewed process directing funding to the most promising projects.
- **Endowed Cancer Research Chair:** This Budget supports continued funding to attract Endowed Cancer Research Chairs to Florida's top cancer centers. The Mayo Clinic Cancer Center in Jacksonville receives \$2 million dollars toward this end.
- **Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection:** This Budget supports continued funding of \$1.8 million for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. This program provides lifesaving cancer screenings for medically underserved women between the ages of 50 and 64.

Protecting Our Children

- **More Child Protective Investigators:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$18.6 million to the Department of Children and Families for an additional 270 child protective investigators (CPIs). This includes 191 investigators to lower caseloads to well within the recommended standards of 10 cases per CPI. This funding also includes 79 CPIs for a pilot project within six counties to pair CPIs with high risk cases where households experience domestic violence, mental health, or substance abuse problems.
- **Additional Funding for Sheriff CPI Offices:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$8 million in new funding for the six counties where sheriffs conduct child

protective investigations. All funding is allocated according to a new distribution formula based on the risk-adjusted caseload of each county. This new formula will ensure that funds follow the children at risk of or suffering from abuse and neglect.

- **Child Protection Teams:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides an additional \$2.8 million for medically directed, multidisciplinary teams that assess the health, safety and risk of children to assist DCF in child abuse and neglect cases.
- **Healthy Families:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget increases funding for Healthy Families by \$5 million to expand home visiting services for expectant and new parents whose children are at risk of abuse and neglect. Healthy Families is a nationally accredited, evidence-based program that has been proven to reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect in at-risk households by improving parenting skills and strengthening families.
- **Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence:** This Budget supports \$2.5 million in new funding to implement evidence-based practices related to child safety focus planning for cases involving both child abuse and domestic violence.
- **Family Intensive Treatment Teams:** This Budget supports \$5 million in new funding to implement evidence-based practices for treating a parent's mental health and substance abuse disorders that put children at risk of maltreatment.
- **Local Community Based Care Lead Agencies:** This Budget supports \$6 million in new funding to the state's primary foster care providers for direct services to children and families to improve child protection and abuse prevention services. An additional \$4 million is also provided to support case managers who handle child welfare cases.
- **Human Trafficking:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$3 million for safe houses and rehabilitative services to help children who have been victimized by human trafficking.
- **Maintenance Adoption Subsidies:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides an additional \$28.7 million to fully fund the increased number of children with special needs adopted by Florida families.

Supporting Florida's Veterans

Florida remains the most military-friendly state in the nation. This Budget further strengthens our state's commitment to military veterans and their families.

- **New State Veterans Nursing Home:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides funding to begin planning and construction of a seventh state veterans nursing home to help meet growing demand. The location of the new home will be determined through a competitive evaluation process overseen by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

- **Entrepreneur and Workforce Training for Veterans:** This Budget supports \$3 million in new funding to assist veterans in translating their military skills and experiences to the business world through meaningful employment. These training programs will help the state benefit from the full potential of veterans as they pursue greater opportunities to participate in and contribute to Florida's growing economy.
- **Continued Services for Relatives with Developmental Disabilities:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget makes Florida the first state in the nation to guarantee continuation of home and community based services when active-duty military caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities move to Florida from another state. This will help provide much-needed stability and relief for these families who sacrifice so much.

Supporting Florida's Seniors, Low-Income Families, and those with Special Needs

- **Long Term Care Waiver:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides an additional \$12.6 million for home and community-based services for approximately 950 Medicaid-eligible individuals who are at risk of nursing home placement. These services help elderly individuals remain in their homes and community settings so they may remain independent in the least restrictive environment possible.
- **Community Care for the Elderly (CCE):** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides an additional \$5 million for the CCE program to help approximately 750 individuals who are at the greatest risk of nursing home placement. The CCE program provides community-based services organized in a continuum of care to help functionally impaired, seniors live in the least restrictive, most cost-effective environment suitable to their needs.
- **Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI):** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides an additional \$4 million in Alzheimer's respite services for approximately 400 individuals. The ADI provides caregiver respite services and support to meet the changing needs of individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and similar memory disorders.
- **Alzheimer's Research:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$3 million to establish the new Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's research program to competitively award peer review grants to promising Alzheimer's disease-related research projects.
- **Statewide Public Guardianship:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides an additional \$3 million to make Florida the first state in the nation to offer public guardianship services on a statewide basis. Florida's Public Guardianship Program provides guardians to protect and exercise the legal rights of indigent, vulnerable seniors who need assistance in making medical, residential, and other decisions.
- **Personal Needs Allowance:** This Budget supports increasing the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$105 per month for Social Security and Medicaid eligible nursing

home residents. This increased funding will partially offset the individual cost-share of residential care, allowing seniors to keep more of their personal income.

- **Senior Hot Meals Programs:** This Budget supports an additional \$2.3 million for meal programs for seniors. These meals are delivered to low income, seniors at risk of malnutrition and social isolation. Nutritional education and counseling services are also provided to improve the overall nutritional health of seniors and reduce their risk of malnutrition.

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget reflects continued support of families through the revitalization of commercial areas serving low-income residents and/or those with special needs and rebuilding distressed neighborhoods to stimulate economic growth and development.

- **Affordable Housing:** Provides \$167.7 million including \$57.7 million to fund construction or rehabilitation of rental units focused on the elderly, the homeless, or persons with developmental disabilities. This Budget provides \$10 million to fund a competitive grant program for housing developments targeted for persons with developmental disabilities, and \$100 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program, with a minimum of 20 percent to serve those with special needs.
- **Small Community Development Grants:** Provides \$30 million in Small Community Development Grants to fund a series of programs focusing on low and moderate income persons, improving housing, and supporting infrastructure improvements that lead to job growth.
- **Weatherization Grants:** Provides \$18 million in Weatherization Grants to assist low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills and make their homes more energy efficient.

Protecting Florida's Natural Treasures and Improving Florida Infrastructure

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides more than a half billion dollars for water resource protection that will benefit Florida families and businesses. This level of commitment includes record funding of more than \$300 million for South Florida ecosystem restoration projects, including Everglades Restoration and Keys Wastewater Improvements. Funding will be used for critical projects improving water quality, mitigating impacts of Lake Okeechobee's discharges to our estuaries, diverting more fresh water south to help restore the Everglades, and continuing to invest in wastewater projects for the Florida Keys. Additionally, this funding includes more than \$200 million for nutrient reduction and wastewater/stormwater infrastructure projects and record funding of \$30 million to protect and restore the springs throughout Florida. These projects will have tangible benefits to reduce and eliminate nutrient impacts and ensure proper water flow. Furthermore, this Budget includes over \$8 million to Apalachicola for oyster shelling, best management practices, research, and upgrades to oyster processing facilities to help that industry's recovery, bringing the amount of funding secured under this administration for this important community to more than \$23 million. This Budget also protects our valuable citrus

industry by investing \$13.7 million for short-term research and preventative projects to stop the spread of citrus greening.

Florida's infrastructure is ranked the best in the nation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget will help ensure we stay number one by fully-funding the Department of Transportation's Work Program, providing an historic level of resources for projects that include maintaining and improving our roads and bridges. This Budget also includes more than \$139.3 million for development and enhancement of our seaports. We must continue the work we have started at our seaports to prepare for the post-Panama Canal expansion, which will bring new jobs and economic opportunities.

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget supports our commitment to making important transportation investments with the following priorities:

- **Seaport Funding:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides more than \$139.3 million to continue our state's commitment over the last three years to develop and enhance our 15 seaports.

Florida seaports generate more than 680,000 jobs and contribute \$96 billion in economic value through cargo and cruise activities. This accounts for 13 percent of Florida's Gross Domestic Product. With the expansion of the Panama Canal and the economies of Central and South America, our seaports will be a significant job creator during the next 10 years.

- **FDOT Work Program:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget includes funding for the following proposed transportation projects:
 - **Transportation Improvements:**
 - \$4.1 billion for construction of 311 additional lane miles of roadway;
 - \$610 million to resurface/reconstruct 2,923 lane miles of existing roadway;
 - \$193 million for repair of 68 bridges and replacement of 13 bridges;
 - \$139 million for seaport infrastructure improvements; and
 - \$337 million for aviation improvements.
- **Everglades Restoration:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget invests a record \$250 million toward Everglades restoration that will provide funding for the Governor's Water Quality Plan, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Northern Everglades Estuaries Protection Program, the Tamiami Trail project, and activities to reduce nutrients in Lake Okeechobee.
- **Keys Wastewater Improvements:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$50 million for wastewater treatment upgrades in the Florida Keys.

- **Springs Protection:** In addition to springs protection as part of the Florida Forever Program, this Budget includes a record \$30 million for water quality restoration, addressing nutrients in springs, and water conservation measures. This includes \$5 million in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for best management practice projects and \$25 million for a project plan developed by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$182.6 million for low interest loans to local governments for the construction of wastewater treatment and stormwater management systems, including collection and transmission sewers, reclaimed water (reuse) systems, and a variety of other facilities and activities through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). Twenty-one million of that total funds grants to assist financially disadvantaged small communities with their needs for adequate sewer facilities.
- **Florida Forever:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget invests \$80 million in the Florida Forever program, including \$5 million for the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, and \$2.5 million for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program. The conservation lands funds will go toward springs protection, military buffering, water resource protection, and other targeted land acquisitions. The \$80 million for conservation lands includes \$40 million in authority from the sale of surplus non-conservation lands, and \$20 million from the reversion of prior years appropriations.
- **Beach Projects:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget invests \$47.3 million toward financial assistance to local governments for beach and dune restoration, beach nourishment, inlet sand bypassing, regional sediment management, and other innovative projects. This includes \$2.2 million in available funds from beach projects funded in previous years.
- **Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides \$110 million for the cleanup of petroleum storage tank discharges.
- **State Park Facility Improvements:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget invests \$19.1 million toward repairs and renovations of state park facilities.
- **Apalachicola Bay:** The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget provides over \$8 million for oyster shelling, best management practices, research, and upgrades to oyster processing facilities to help that industry's recovery, bringing the amount of funding secured under this administration for this important community to more than \$23 million.
- **Water Projects:** This Budget supports \$88.5 million for local water projects.

Providing for an Efficient State Government

The It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget supports a variety of issues that allow state government to operate efficiently and maximize current assets.

- **Improving Florida's Facilities:** This Budget makes prudent investments in the state's facilities and systems. This Budget invests \$28.4 million to address the most significant deficiencies within the Florida Facilities Pool buildings. Further, \$15 million contained in the Florida GI Bill (House Bill 7015) and this Budget is included to continue to renovate Florida National Guard armories and construct a Special Forces facility at Camp Blanding. These investments will improve efficiency, force readiness, and the state's ability to gain additional military units.
- **Improving Efficiency:** Improving efficiency, as evidenced through budget reductions and targeted investments, remains a key priority. This Budget reflects \$14.3 million in reductions, over Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, made possible through contract and real estate lease savings. This brings total savings for these two initiatives to \$41.5 million over three fiscal years. In addition, reductions are included as a result of strategic investments made in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to consolidate agencies into state-owned office space and reduce energy consumption. These two efforts generate recurring reductions of \$3.9 million.

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and withhold my approval of portions of House Bill 5001, enacted during the 116th Regular Session of the Legislature, and entitled:

An act making appropriations; providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2014, to pay salaries and other expenses, capital outlay-buildings and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government; providing effective dates.

I do hereby veto and withhold my approval of the following specific line items in the 2014-15 General Appropriations Act:

SECTION 2 - EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)

Specific Appropriation 27 - A portion of proviso language
Page 7

"Classroom/Lab/Office w Parking Palm Coast Complete..... 850,000"

Specific Appropriation 28 - A portion of proviso language
Page 8

"Hamilton Student Support & Plaza Renovation..... 1,600,000"

Specific Appropriation 32B - A portion of proviso language
Page 9

"Stetson University Sage Science Center Office and Lab..... 3,250,000"

Specific Appropriation 68A - A portion of proviso language
Pages 14 and 15

"Barry University - School of Professional and Career
Education..... 125,000
Florida Institute of Technology - Enhanced Programs..... 750,000
Nova Southeastern University - MS Speech Pathology..... 39,214"

Specific Appropriation 69 - A portion of proviso language
Page 15

"Barry University - School of Social Work..... 150,000
Southeastern University - Human Patient Simulator..... 50,000"

Specific Appropriation 87 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 18

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 87, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund, is provided for the Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project in St. Lucie County. Funds are contingent upon House Bill 85, or similar legislation, becoming law."

Specific Appropriation 101 - proviso language
Pages 26 and 27

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 101, \$500,000 is provided for statewide competitive grants to increase the workforce readiness of high school 11th and 12th graders enrolled in the College Reach Out Program (CROP). Applicants must be currently funded CROP institutions. Priority will be given to programs that: demonstrate partnerships with a regional workforce board and municipal government; provide match to leverage state resources; link industry certifications in high school to either employment or postsecondary articulation; demonstrate previous

youth internships and work experiences; provide summer residential experience for participants to reside on college campus for a week-long enrichment camp; and provide summer bridge engagement for graduating seniors to ensure transition to work or postsecondary education.."

**Specific Appropriation 109 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 28 and 29**

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 109 for the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, \$500,000 is provided for student acceleration options training to be used to train superintendents and other school district staff on acceleration options for students and performance funding."

"The department shall use \$500,000 to select an external organization that can demonstrate a record of improving school leadership practices that lead to increased student achievement. The organization selected by the department must provide on-site and job-embedded leadership training to school districts participating in a School House Funding Pilot Program, including, but not limited to, data-driven instruction and developing a high-performing leadership team. The Broward, Duval, Pinellas, Gilchrist, and Wakulla school districts must each select at least one middle and high school to participate in the pilot program for the 2014-2015 school year and notify the department of the selected schools no later than August 1, 2014."

**Specific Appropriation 111 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 29 and 30**

"Agenda 2020 City of St. Petersburg.....	975,000"
"Caribbean Chamber Student Summer Entrepreneurship.....	100,000"
"Governor's School for Space Science and Technology.....	500,000
Here's Help Opa Locka.....	500,000"
"In Search of Me Cafe.....	100,000"
"MBF Boat Safety/CPR Program.....	100,000"
"New Horizon.....	150,000
Northwest Florida Ballet Public School.....	247,471"

"Project PASS JROTC Junior Leadership Corps.....	170,000"
"Single Gender Schools - Broward County Public Schools.....	150,000
Single Gender Schools - Duval County Public Schools.....	150,000
SRI International Middle School Digital Mathematics.....	750,000"
"Tune into Reading.....	250,000
Visible Men Academy.....	50,000"
"YMCA Tech Smart - Tampa Bay.....	100,000"

Specific Appropriation 124A - A portion of proviso language
Page 35

"Smart Horizons Online Career Education..... 500,000

The funds allocated in Specific Appropriation 124A for Smart Horizons Online Career Education are provided to prepare adults for transition into the workplace by establishing a pilot program through public library locations. A report shall be provided to the Department of Education by June 15, 2015, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year that shall include the following: (1) the number of adults served, (2) the number of courses completed, (3) the number of career certificate programs completed, (4) the number of diplomas granted, and (4) the number of libraries in each district served."

SECTION 3 - HUMAN SERVICES

Specific Appropriation 205 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 53 and 54

The following is vetoed due to legal and practical difficulties posed by requiring a private not-for-profit entity to transfer funds it receives as part of the Medicaid program to another third-party entity with whom it has no official business relations.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 205, Shands Healthcare System shall provide \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue funds provided in this specific appropriation to Winter Haven Hospital for rural outreach medical services."

Specific Appropriation 209 - proviso language
Page 54

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 209, \$25,000 in nonrecurring

funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$36,820 in nonrecurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided to the Jackson Memorial Graduate Medical Education Program."

Specific Appropriation 320 - A portion of proviso language
Page 72

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 320, the nonrecurring sum of \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to pilot the use of Desktop Seat Management among the department's information technology infrastructure. A report including the feasibility of implementation, performance expectations, and expected cost savings, shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 31, 2014."

Specific Appropriation 351 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 78 and 79

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 351, the nonrecurring sum of \$50,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI) to train facilitators to deliver educational support and mental health services."

Specific Appropriation 372 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 82 and 83

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 372, the nonrecurring sum of \$180,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to support two Addiction Fellows assigned to the Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office (DACCO) for their training. DACCO shall provide a report to the department regarding the number of clients served by the Addiction Fellows, outcome measures for the clients served, all research initiatives pursued by the Addiction Fellows, and implications for programmatic changes in substance abuse treatment for the state based upon the findings."

Specific Appropriation 385 - proviso language
Page 84

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 385, the nonrecurring sum of \$505,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the department to contract with a provider to coordinate a statewide Homelessness Advocacy and Affordable Housing Campaign."

**Specific Appropriation 410 - A portion of proviso language
Page 87**

"Mt. Sinai Community Center Brain Bank..... 183,000"

**Specific Appropriation 461 - A portion of proviso language
Page 94**

"Baptist Health South Florida - Telemedicine
Intensive Care Unit..... 275,000"

"St. Vincent's HealthCare - Telemedicine Intensive
Care Unit..... 500,000"

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 461, \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare for a regional telemedicine initiative that will provide access to primary and specialty care, treatment and disease management through its current regional service area."

**Specific Appropriation 468 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 95 and 96**

"Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine -
PedCAT 3D Imaging Machine..... 150,000
Barry University College of Health Sciences -
Medical Perfusion Simulator..... 75,000
Florida Center for Nursing..... 200,000"

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 468, \$1,500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Bethesda Health for the Bethesda College of Health Sciences program to integrate a high fidelity stimulation lab for enhanced clinical training in nursing, pharmacy, rehabilitation, radiology and nutrition for allied health students, and to enhance the Clinical Nursing Preceptor Program to provide evidence-based programs in Critical Care, Pediatric Intensive Care, Neonatal Intensive Care, Emergency Services and Cardiac Intensive Care."

**Specific Appropriation 477A
Page 98**

"477A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
CHILDREN'S NUTRITION AND ORAL HYGIENE
PROGRAM
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 477A, \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Department of Health to develop and implement a nutrition and dental hygiene educational program for children. The department shall work in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Children and Families, the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and the Florida Dental Health Foundation to implement the program."

Specific Appropriation 502 - A portion of proviso language
Page 102

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 502, \$20,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Pasco County Health Department for increased Other Personal Services (OPS) staffing to expand the services of the Smile Care-A-Van to Hernando County."

Specific Appropriation 551A
Page 108

The following is vetoed because it is for additional fixed capital outlay beyond what the state has already agreed to fund in Fiscal Year 2013-14. A comprehensive assessment of facility needs is needed as the CMS network transitions to Statewide Medicaid Managed Care.

"551A	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	
	CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT -	
	CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITIES	
	FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,100,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 551A, \$1,100,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the construction of a new Children's Medical Services facility in Ocala."

SECTION 4 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

Specific Appropriation 630 - A portion of proviso language
Page 118

"From funds in Specific Appropriation 630, \$75,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the department for a pilot project at five institutions for software, hardware and training for the automation and documentation of inmate bed and cell checks."

Specific Appropriation 642 - proviso language
Page 119

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 642, \$50,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Ladies Empowerment and Action Program."

Specific Appropriation 767A
Page 130

"767A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
CONTRACTED SERVICES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 100,000

From funds in Specific Appropriation 767A, \$100,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is appropriated to the Baker County Faith and Character Based Re-entry Program."

Specific Appropriation 1183A
Page 180

"1183A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
CONTRACTED SERVICES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 1183A are provided for a pilot online career education program to serve juveniles through an Advanced/SACS accredited online school district that offers career-based online high school diplomas designed to prepare juveniles for transition into the workplace. The department shall provide a report regarding the progress of the juveniles in the online diploma and career certificate programs to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee by December 31, 2014."

Specific Appropriation 1208 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 182 and 183

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1208, \$125,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to Word and Action, Inc. in Miami to assist in the prevention of occurrences of sexual abuse within the community."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1208, \$25,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc. (CDC of Tampa) to provide work readiness training, skills training, job placement, and mentoring for youth in the Tampa Bay area."

Specific Appropriation 1263 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 188

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1263, \$500,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation, within the Ninth Judicial Circuit, for a Human Trafficking Technology Pilot Project. The technology will utilize database tools to make trafficking investigations more efficient by gathering intelligence through online classified ads."

Specific Appropriation 1322 - A portion of proviso language
Page 195

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1322, \$50,000 from recurring general revenue funds and \$50,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Chester Bedell Foundation for administration of the Sandra Day O'Connor Teachers' Law School Program."

Specific Appropriation 1327A
Page 196

"1327A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,000,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 1327A are provided for the "Florida Access to Civil Legal Assistance Act," Sections 68.094 through 68.105, Florida Statutes, to promote the availability of civil legal assistance to the poor and improve access to justice."

Specific Appropriation 1347 - proviso language
Page 198

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1347, \$1,500,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the continuation and expansion of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's Data Mining initiative. Funds shall accelerate and grow the project's predictive analytic analysis and data integration."

**SECTION 5 - NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/GROWTH
MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION**

**Specific Appropriation 1400A
Page 205**

"1400A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS - HEATING,
VENTILATION, AND AIR-CONDITIONING - DOYLE
CONNER BUILDING
FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND . 50,000"

**Specific Appropriation 1415D
Page 206**

"1415D GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FLORIDA ENERGY TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS
FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND . 250,000"

**Specific Appropriation 1442A
Page 209**

"1442A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND . 146,573"

**Specific Appropriation 1450A
Page 210**

"1450A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND 20,000
FROM PEST CONTROL TRUST FUND 60,000

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1450A, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may purchase one or more motor vehicles for replacement when the mileage of a vehicle is in excess of 175,000 miles unless it is determined by the Commissioner that the vehicle replacement is a critical safety issue, or based on emergency or unforeseen circumstances as provided in section 287.14(3), Florida Statutes."

**Specific Appropriation 1457A
Page 211**

"1457A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND . 237,590"

Specific Appropriation 1482A
Page 214

"1482A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION -
STATEWIDE
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1482A are provided for the Pompano State Farmers' Market."

Specific Appropriation 1484B - A portion of proviso language
Page 214

"Sarasota Fairgrounds..... 250,000"

Specific Appropriation 1496A
Page 216

"1496A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND . 125,022"

Specific Appropriation 1515A
Page 218

"1515A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
APIARY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION LABORATORY -
DMS MGD
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,500,000"

Specific Appropriation 1572 - proviso language
Page 223

The following is vetoed because existing resources are available to determine the feasibility of purchasing additional lands. The Department of Environmental Protection is committed to meeting the needs of Gasparilla Island State Park and the community.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1572, \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Department of Environmental Protection for the assessment and evaluation of additional lands within the optimum park boundary of Gasparilla Island State Park for potential purchase."

Specific Appropriation 1660 - proviso language
Page 236

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1660, \$2,000,000 in

nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the City of Cocoa Beach upland seawall."

Specific Appropriation 1687A
Page 241

"1687A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
CONSUMER SERVICES FOR SUSTAINABLE
BIOSOLIDS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY
FROM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TRUST
FUND 250,000"

Specific Appropriation 1704A
Page 243

"1704A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
CONTRACTED SERVICES
FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND 50,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1704A, \$50,000 from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund is provided to the City of Destin for a feasibility study for an aquatic nature park."

Specific Appropriation 1715A - A portion of proviso language
Pages 244

"Topeekeegee Yugnee (T.Y.) Park..... 3,250,000"

Specific Appropriation 1786 - proviso language
Page 252

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1786, \$50,000 in nonrecurring funds from the State Game Trust Fund shall be used to contract with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to conduct a study on chronic wasting disease, including the disease itself, the economic impact of prohibiting the importation of live captive deer into Florida from out-of-state sources, and options for deer management that would have been available at the time the importation prohibition was adopted. The commission will provide a copy of the study to the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee by February 15, 2015."

Specific Appropriation 1839A
Page 257

"1839A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
LIONFISH BOUNTY PAYMENTS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 427,206"

Specific Appropriation 1877 - proviso language
Page 262

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1877, \$150,000 shall be used to complete a station area plan to provide for transit-oriented development within a half-mile of the proposed Tri-Rail Coastal Link station location. Planning shall include an engineering and environmental analysis, master site plan, and preliminary financial plans for the project."

Specific Appropriation 1924 - A portion of proviso language
Pages 266 and 267

"Wakulla County Dredging Channel and Canals - Shell Point,
Spring Creek and Mashew Sands..... 1,500,000
Silver Star Road Walk/Bike Trail Crossing - Planning/Design. 150,000"

"Riverside Avondale Preservation - Dog Park..... 123,000"

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1924, \$2,000,000 is provided for public transportation infrastructure improvements to enhance public access to SkyRise Miami. These funds are contingent upon the department receiving, by June 30, 2015: (1) documentation that \$400,000,000 in private sector funding has been contractually committed to the project; and (2) a finance plan that identifies the project cost, revenues by source, financing, major assumptions, internal rate of return on private investments, and whether any government funds are assumed to deliver a cost-feasible project, and a total cash flow analysis beginning with implementation of the project and extending for the term of the agreement."

SECTION 6 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Specific Appropriation 2034 - A portion of proviso language
Page 279

"Mobile Building Codes Training Program.....\$200,000"

Specific Appropriation 2077 - proviso language
Page 283

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2077, \$360,000 is provided for the replacement of equipment at the University of Florida Racing Laboratory."

Specific Appropriation 2193A - A portion of proviso language
Pages 293 and 294

"Seaport Employment Training Grant..... 300,000"

Specific Appropriation 2226A
Page 298

"2226A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - REGIONAL PLANNING
COUNCILS
FROM GRANTS AND DONATIONS TRUST
FUND 1,750,000
FROM SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION TRUST FUND 750,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 2226A are provided to the Regional Planning Councils, 75 percent of which must be divided equally among the councils, and 25 percent of which must be allocated according to population. The funds shall be used to implement the Florida Five-Year Strategic Plan for economic development, address problems of greater-than-local concern, and provide technical services to local governments, economic development organizations, and other stakeholders."

Specific Appropriation 2242A - A portion of proviso language
Page 300

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2242A, \$750,000 of nonrecurring funds from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund and \$250,000 of nonrecurring general revenue funds are allocated to the City of Miami for public infrastructure improvements within Museum Park. The state contribution is contingent upon the City of Miami and/or Miami Dade County providing a fifty percent match in either the form of a cash contribution or a capital project that benefits the Museum Park."

"Nature Coast Educational Plaza - Hernando County.....	1,000,000"
"Senior Energy Efficiency Program - Gadsden County.....	110,000
Paddling Trails - Kayak and Canoe Launch Projects - Wakulla County.....	525,000"
"Oviedo Amphitheater - City of Oviedo.....	1,500,000"
"Agenda 2020 - St. Petersburg.....	650,000"

**Specific Appropriation 2256A - A portion of proviso language
 Page 304**

"Hialeah Chamber of Commerce and Industries.....	200,000"
"Doral Business Council Expo.....	150,000
FIU Small Business Development Center.....	400,000"
"Grow Tampa Bay Tech - Tampa Bay Technology Forum.....	375,000"
"Jacksonville Women's Business Center / Jacksonville Chamber Foundation.....	50,000"
"La Feria De Las Americas.....	250,000"

**Specific Appropriation 2650 - A portion of proviso language
 Pages 341 and 342**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2650, \$2,000,000 of nonrecurring funds from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund is provided for the department to implement a public education campaign to increase awareness of the passage of laws related to driving in the right lane."

**Specific Appropriation 2722 - proviso language
 Pages 349 and 350**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2722, \$350,000 in nonrecurring general revenue is provided to the Department of the Management Services to settle all claims relating to the portion of leased space in the Koger Executive Center, owned by Tallahassee Corporate Center, LLC, that was vacated by the Department of Education in July 2011. These funds constitute payment for rent and any associated penalties and interest for this space between the dates of

July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2014. Prior to the release of such funds by the department, Tallahassee Corporate Center, LLC shall sign a waiver releasing the state or any agency from any claims relating to the payment of rent and associated penalties and interest for such leased space between the dates of July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2014.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2722, \$255,292 in nonrecurring general revenue is provided to the Department of Management Services to settle all claims relating to the unamortized tenant improvements to leased space in the Oakland Building, owned by Protective Life Insurance Company, that was vacated by the Southwood Shared Resource Center on November 15, 2013. These funds constitute payment for unamortized tenant improvements for this space between the dates of November 16, 2013, and February 29, 2016. Prior to the release of such funds by the department, Protective Life Insurance Company shall sign a waiver releasing the state or any agency from any claims relating to the payment of unamortized tenant improvements for such leased space between the dates of November 16, 2013, and February 29, 2016."

Specific Appropriation 2726 - proviso language
Page 350

Funds contained in Specific Appropriation 2726 within the Department of Management Services to contract for a transition plan to relocate the data center located at the Northwood Centre to the facility located at the Capitol Circle Office Complex are vetoed. Due to the complexity and potential cost of any such transition, the Agency for State Technology, which is created in House Bill 7073, should be the entity to contract for and oversee the development of a plan.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2726, \$300,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Department of Management Services to contract with an independent third party consulting firm to complete a comprehensive transition plan for relocating the data center facility located at the Northwood Centre to the data center facility located at the Capital Circle Office Complex, hereafter referred to as the state data center. The third party consulting firm must have demonstrated experience in data center consolidation and relocation planning and must have successfully provided similar services for other entities of comparable size and complexity. At a minimum, the plan must be created in conjunction with the affected data centers and their state agency customers and must include the following components: (1) a cost benefit analysis documenting the direct and indirect specific costs and savings, and qualitative and quantitative benefits involved in or resulting from the relocation; (2) identification of any applicable federal regulations that must be addressed when transferring applications or systems that are supported with federal funds to a different data center; (3) an

inventory of the hardware and software to be relocated that includes their purchase dates and planned replacement dates that is needed to calculate any hardware to be configured for another platform, replaced, or retired during the relocation; (4) a business justification that compares and contrasts the following two types of relocation methods: (a) moving data center equipment "as is" to the state data center with no hardware optimization or (b) standardizing hardware and software prior to the relocation to allow for outdated hardware or software to be refreshed with new architectures or virtualized; (5) a list of hardware, software, and maintenance contracts to be assigned, transferred, or cancelled; (6) a detailed projection of the power, cooling, space, and bandwidth needed to accommodate the relocated applications and systems; (7) a detailed floor plan of how the relocated state agency customers will be incorporated into the state data center; (8) a detailed projection of the technical skill sets and staff required to support the applications and services being relocated; (9) a business application criticality matrix that identifies maximum downtime allowed for each application to ensure that upon completion of the relocation, all applications can be recovered within the required timeframe; and (10) an actionable project schedule and timeline for completion of the relocation no later than June 30, 2016. The Department of Management Services must submit the plan to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget no later than December 1, 2014. Based upon the results of the plan's cost benefit analysis, the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor may put forth budget amendments pursuant to the provisions of chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to begin the implementation of the plan in Fiscal Year 2014-2015."

Specific Appropriation 2800 - proviso language
Pages 357 and 358

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2800, \$1,750,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds shall be used for a voluntary state employee wellness pilot program (program) to be administered by the Department of Management Services (department). The department is authorized to engage an independent third party consulting firm to administer the program through a competitive procurement under chapter 287, Florida Statutes. The program shall utilize laboratory testing to assess current health risk for cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, pre-diabetes, and diabetes, with the goal of improving these risk factors for these costly diseases during the course of the program. A follow-up laboratory test shall be offered as part of the program no earlier than six months after the initial test. Laboratory testing shall

include biomarkers such as lipids, atherogenic lipoproteins, protective lipoproteins, blood vessel inflammation, insulin resistance, pre-diabetes, diabetes, and Omega-3 index. Program participants shall have access, as needed, to personalized health coaching throughout the course of the program. Personalized health coaching shall be provided by the laboratory by qualified personnel, such as registered dietitians, nurse practitioners, and exercise physiologists, to educate participants about their individual report and health risks, and participants shall receive at least one personalized health coaching session. The program is limited to no more than 2,000 state employees who elect to voluntarily participate in the program. Upon completion of the program, the department shall prepare a report with the results of the program at both the individual, without disclosing state or federally protected personal health information, and aggregate levels. The department shall submit the report to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget.

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2800, up to \$250,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds shall be used to implement a voluntary obesity therapy program. The Department of Management Services (department) is authorized to engage an independent third party consulting firm to administer the program through a competitive procurement under chapter 287, Florida Statutes. The program should provide behavioral weight therapy to no more than 175 employees with a body mass index over 30. The program shall be physician-supervised with a minimum of one year effective, verifiable results. Upon completion of the program, the department shall prepare a report with the results of the initiative at both the individual, without disclosing state or federally protected personal health information, and aggregate levels. The department shall submit the report to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget."

**Specific Appropriation 3113A - A portion of proviso language
Pages 386 and 387**

"Historic Fulford Fountain Renovation - N. Miami Beach.....	205,000"
"Tampa Bay Baseball Museum at the Al Lopez House.....	50,000"

**Specific Appropriation 3127A
Page 388**

"3127A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

GRANTS AND AIDS - SUPPLEMENTAL LIBRARY
GRANTS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 350,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 3127A shall be used to fund the Bookmobile Project for the Largo Public Library."

**Specific Appropriation 3140 - A portion of proviso language
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"Harry T & Harriette V Moore Foundation..... 50,000
Pensacola Little Theatre..... 85,000"

"The Bok Tower Garden Foundation, Inc., Polk County..... 113,933"

**Specific Appropriation 3143A
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"3143A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - STATE TOURING PROGRAM
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 200,000"

**Specific Appropriation 3146A - A portion of proviso language
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"Largo Cultural Center..... 500,000"

"The Circus Arts Conservatory - Circus Sarasota..... 1,000,000"

SECTION 7 - JUDICIAL BRANCH

**Specific Appropriation 3168A - A portion of proviso language
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"Calhoun..... 200,000
Jefferson..... 200,000"

OTHER SECTIONS

**Section 92
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"State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund..... 10,000,000"

Although I do not withhold my approval of the specific appropriations and proviso below, I respectfully note the following:

- **Storm Risk Management:** Funding contained in Specific Appropriation 2447 to support the Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center at Florida State University is conditioned upon submitting a report, by June 1, 2015, as specified in proviso. This report should include information regarding how the Center has produced or plans to produce concrete savings for the State of Florida and/or Florida residents using the funds appropriated.
- **Check Cashing:** Specific Appropriations 2528, 2530, 2532A, and 2536 establish and implement a Check Cashing Transaction Database. Current and future funding for the continued operation of the Database should come from existing, rather than new or increased, revenue sources.
- The proviso below appears to exceed parameters established by Article III, Section 12 of the Florida Constitution. In addition, it limits the Department of Education's ability to competitively procure services by mandating criteria that appears specifically tailored for a sole source. The ability to competitively procure services and obtain the best value for the state should be protected, rather than limited.

**Specific Appropriations 129 through 141—A portion of proviso language
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From the funds provided in Specific Appropriations 129 through 141, the Department of Education shall issue an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for defaulted guaranteed loan portfolio management services no later than 60 days after enactment of this act, and may select a private vendor to perform these services on the entirety of the defaulted guaranteed loan note portfolio. For the purpose of this section, Portfolio Management Services must include the following: oversight of multiple collection agencies chosen by the selected vendor; account segmentation and placement; defaulted funds management which includes daily funds transfers, exception processing, and account reconciliation; on-sight auditing by the selected vendor; and, performance evaluation systems. The selected vendor must: have a ten year performance track record exemplifying their ability to improve Florida's comparative debt recovery ranking against other state guarantors; and, demonstrate the

capability of increasing default collections and revenues to the Student Loan Operating Trust Fund. Additionally, the selected vendor must guarantee that the services provided will not require any additional appropriations from general revenue, and that there will be no increased fees or costs to students. The department shall judge, score, and select a provider based upon their ability to provide the "best value" for the state through increased revenues rather than solely based on the fee of the service provided. Net revenues shall be defined as projected increased retention, based upon reasonable, proven, past performance, minus fees to vendor.

- **Competitive Procurement:** To the extent that other proviso within this Budget includes language that seeks to evade Florida's competitive procurement laws, I respectfully note my disapproval because proviso may not be used to amend or overrule substantive law. I am instructing all agencies to competitively bid in every possible case. Florida's competitive procurement process is fair, transparent, and open, allowing the state to exert its buying power to obtain the best prices that the market can offer. However, when the procurement process is tailored through proviso to apply to only a single source, competition is stifled, public confidence eroded, and the value that taxpayers receive for their money is compromised and diminished.

In conclusion, as I have done every year since taking office, and in recognition of my continued commitment to the citizens of Florida, I am voluntarily reducing my salary to one cent per month for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, as authorized in Section 8 of the General Appropriations Act, in which the Legislature has set the salary schedule for state officers and judges.

The portions of House Bill 5001 from which I have withheld my approval are hereby vetoed, and all other portions of House Bill 5001 are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rick Scott', written in a cursive style.

Rick Scott
Governor