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GOVERNOR

March 12, 2007

Secretary Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby transmit Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 146, with my signature, enacted during the 39th Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2007, and entitled:

An act relating to violent felony offenders....

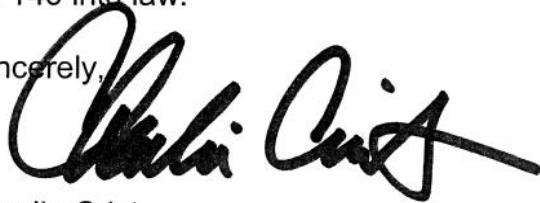
Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 146, known as the Anti-Murder Act, marks a new day of hope and safety for all Floridians, especially for our children. Since 2004, our state has suffered tragic murders perpetrated by criminals who were allowed to remain out of prison and on probation even after violating its terms. The names Carlie Brucia, Jessica Lunsford, Sarah Lunde, and the "Deltona Six," the six young people killed in Deltona, have all become tragically familiar to us. We grieved with their families. We worried for our own.

The Anti-Murder Act brings us hope. It says, "No more," by targeting probation violators with histories of violence. The bill requires these probation violators to be held in jail without bond until the court conducts a probation violation hearing. The court must also make a written finding as to whether such offender poses a "danger to the community." If so, the court must revoke probation and is authorized by the bill to send the offender back to jail. The Anti-Murder Act should result in placing almost 2,500 violent criminals behind bars in its first five years of implementation.

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I am grateful that the Legislature has sent this bill to my desk, thereby affirming its commitment to make Florida safer for our children, families and seniors. For these reasons, I am proud to sign Committee Substitute or Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 146 into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Crist". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Charlie Crist

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