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

Dear Secretary Browning:

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 withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Council Substitute for House Bill 7123, enacted during the 109<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2007 and entitled:

An act relating to energy . . .

I am committed to advancing aggressively the climate change agenda and developing environmentally sound energy policy. I met that commitment in part by fully supporting millions of dollars in the state budget relating to the development and utilization of renewable energy technologies. Additionally, during the legislative session, I worked to direct the focus of Florida's energy policy toward renewables and conservation and to put an end to the fragmentation, unnecessary bureaucracy and delays in the regulatory process that has needlessly stalled progress.

While this bill purports to advance these important goals, it unfortunately does not go far enough and, in some instances, takes a step backward. When reviewing the bill as a whole, it is apparent that a unified approach to state energy policy would not result from the implementation of this legislation. Instead, it may result in further delays to advance an energy policy that addresses conservation, energy efficiency, and greenhouse gas emission reductions. We can do better. We must do better.