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GOVERNOR

June 19, 2007

Mr. Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 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 House Bill 7203, with my signature, enacted during the 109th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2007 and entitled:

An act relating to comprehensive planning . . .

This bill contains several important provisions governing the way that Florida will pay for and manage its growth. I appreciate the deliberative effort by the Legislature, Secretary Tom Pelham of the Department of Community Affairs, environmentalists and developers to build consensus for many of the needed changes addressed in this legislation.

In addition, this bill creates a pilot program for an alternative review process of growth in certain urban areas of the state. I will carefully monitor the implementation of this pilot program to ensure that growth occurs in a responsible way in these areas. To that end, I have asked the Department of Community Affairs to implement this pilot in a sensible manner and to continue to work with the Legislature to judiciously address growth management issues, including the legitimate concerns that were tackled this year.

For these reasons, I sign House Bill 7203 into law and will continue to work with Secretary Pelham and the Legislature to find appropriate ways to plan and manage this state's growth.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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