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Secretary Kurt S. Browning
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Dear Secretary Browning:

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 the State of Florida, I do hereby transmit Senate Bill 2142, enacted during the 43rd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2011 and entitled:

An act relating to water management districts ...

Senate Bill 2142 includes a property tax reduction totaling \$210.5 million dollars by reducing the ad valorem tax levies of four of the five water management districts. However, the bill also diminishes the executive authority of the Governor in the review and approval of the district's tentative annual budgets; extends authority to the Legislative Budget Commission; and requires the Legislature to annually authorize the millage rate for each district.

While I have concerns regarding the diminished executive authority of the Governor and other authorities and processes included in this bill, I am signing Senate Bill 2142 to guarantee property tax relief for the majority of Floridians. I have been assured by Legislative leadership that we will work together during the upcoming legislative session to address these concerns.

For these reasons, I hereby sign into law Senate Bill 2142.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor