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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 House Bill 993, enacted during the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2001 and entitled:

An act relating to rulemaking...

House Bill 993 outlines a review process for all state agencies to use to evaluate existing rules and identify those rules that impose economic burdens on Floridians. I applaud this move by the Legislature to identify burdensome job-killing regulation. In my first official act as governor, I signed executive order 11-01, now superseded by Executive Order 11-72, implementing a review process designed to eliminate unnecessary regulation. To date, agencies have identified over one thousand rules that can be repealed as obsolete, unnecessary, or overly burdensome. I am encouraged that all agencies will now be required to perform such an analysis.


While I am committed to the same principles that gave rise to this bill, I have some concerns about the burden placed on agencies by the detailed procedure that is required by the bill. Further, by imposing such a detailed procedure on the agencies, the bill diminishes executive authority over the daily processes within the agencies.

I am also committed to receiving input from the Floridians burdened by rules and regulations. I am, however, concerned with the immunities provided within the legislative survey created in this bill because, as outlined in this bill, the immunity could create a safe haven for wrongdoers.

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Despite these concerns, I am signing this bill because of my deep commitment to reducing the regulatory burden on Floridians. I look forward to working with the Legislature in the upcoming session to address these concerns and develop a review that will work within the structure and resources of state agencies and provide an effective avenue for public input and participation. Together, we can remove burdensome regulations and create jobs in Florida.

For these reasons, I hereby sign into law House Bill 993.

Sincerely,  


Rick Scott  
Governor