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Dear Fellow Floridians:

Today we are excited to announce that Florida businesses added more than 800,000 private sector jobs since December 2010. Florida’s exceptional economic turnaround makes it clear that we are enacting policies to help businesses grow and giving families opportunities to achieve their dreams in Florida. We will keep working to cut taxes and make Florida the global destination for jobs.

Here are some other points you can share with your friends and family:

**More Floridians Getting Back to Work**
- Florida’s unemployment rate has declined or held steady for 52 consecutive months.
- Florida’s private-sector job growth month-to-month has been positive for 39 consecutive months.
- Florida has created 801,100 new private sector jobs since December 2010.
- Florida job postings compiled by the Help Wanted OnLine data series from The Conference Board showed 279,244 openings in January 2015.

**Home Sales Robust**
- Home sales remain robust as the backlog of existing homes on the market is down by 32.5 percent from December 2011 (Florida Realtors).
- Florida median home prices were up 7.4 percent over the year in January 2015.
- Florida building permits were up 1.6 percent over the year in January 2015.

**Workforce Boards Assisting in Employment**
- In January, Florida’s 24 regional workforce boards reported more than 35,500 Floridians were placed in jobs. An individual who receives employment and training assistance through a CareerSource Center and finds a job within 180 days is deemed a placement and may be reported by a regional workforce board. Of these individuals, 5,799 previously received Reemployment Assistance.
- In 2014, 470,534 individuals were placed into jobs through the regional workforce board, including more than 23,986 veterans.

I also look forward to traveling to California next month to tell shippers that Florida is the best place for business and why they should move here.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor