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GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor, State of Texas
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Dear Governor Perry:

It is with great sincerity that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the rest of the Lone Star State on being named the top state for job growth and business development by Chief Executive Magazine. You understand, as I do, that government doesn't create jobs; it creates an environment where businesses can expand and grow.

Not only have you achieved this top ranking this year, you have achieved it seven years in a row. Like everything else Texas does, you have done it in a BIG way.

However, I must tell you: Seven years is long enough.

Be aware that same survey of CEOs ranked Florida's business friendly environment third in the nation, up from sixth last year. While we are grateful to move up three places, Florida will not settle for third place.

In our 21st century economy, business owners can do business anywhere. Every entrepreneur is searching for the best place to get the greatest return on their investment, the best workforce, and the most convenient location. In addition, if possible, they'd like that place to also be a great place to live.

Well, my friend, Florida is already the best place to live. In fact, millions of people from around the world visit Florida and dream of enjoying our great weather, beaches, fishing, and culture year round. And with all we are doing to make Florida number one in job creation, I am certain Texas' days at the top are numbered.

Florida is eliminating job killing regulation, reducing the size and cost of government, and making sure we have the best educated workforce. We have no personal income tax and are phasing out the business tax, starting with eliminating it entirely for half the business that paid it. Florida is definitely on the road to be number one. Thank you for giving us the motivation we needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor