



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This week, I am proud to lead an economic development mission to Argentina with more than 60 Florida business leaders – the first by any governor from the United States under Argentine President Mauricio Macri’s Administration. It was a true honor to meet with President Macri firsthand to discuss growing business opportunities and trade investments between our two homes. President Macri is already working hard to create robust economic opportunities for his country and has demonstrated a commitment to pursuing closer trade relations with Florida and the United States.

The State of Florida is the number one trading partner with Latin America and one in four Florida jobs is dependent upon international trade. Florida is proud of our successful trade relationship with Argentina, and we are committed to working with President Macri’s Administration on behalf of all our families and job creators to continue this growth. Currently, Florida is second among all U.S. states in origin exports to Argentina. Just last year, Florida and Argentina trade exceeded \$4.2 billion dollars. Additionally, Florida is far and away the most popular U.S. destination for Argentine tourism, with 535,000 visitors in 2015 – a 68 percent market share. Maintaining a strong relationship with Argentina is incredibly important to establishing Florida’s position as a global hub for trade and ensuring job creation opportunities for generations to come.

I know that increasing job creation and economic growth across the U.S. continues to be a major goal for your administration. As you prepare for your upcoming meeting with President Macri, I hope that you see Florida as an example of

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the significant impact of increasing trade with Argentina. We are competing in a global economy, and increasing trade and business opportunities with Argentina is not only good for Florida, but good for our entire nation. I look forward to continuing to work with you on your fight to grow the American economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", with a large, stylized flourish at the beginning.

Rick Scott
Governor