



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida's private-sector businesses have created nearly 54,000 new jobs in 2017. Over the past six years, we have been relentless in our efforts to make Florida the most business-friendly state in the nation because a job is the most important thing to a family. It is incredibly disheartening that politicians in the Florida House have voted to jeopardize programs that create opportunities for our families, visitors, military members and job creators. However, we will continue to fight for important economic development tools like Enterprise Florida and VISIT FLORIDA and the critical impact they have on supporting our growing economy.

Here are some other points you can share about Florida's economy with your friends and family:

- Private-sector industries gaining the most jobs over-the-year in February were:
 - Professional and business services with 43,300 new jobs;
 - Trade, transportation and utilities with 42,000 new jobs;
 - Education and health services with 40,500 new jobs;
 - Leisure and hospitality with 40,300 new jobs; and
 - Construction with 34,700 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 235,950 openings in February 2017.
- In February, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported 29,574 Floridians, including 1,413 veterans, were placed in jobs.

Creating jobs for Florida families has been our number one priority and we will continue to make strategic investments in our economy so families can find the opportunities they need to achieve their dreams in Florida.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor