



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

Over the past six and a half years, we have worked relentlessly to cut taxes, reduce burdensome regulations and completely turn around Florida's economy. Our goal was to create 700,000 jobs in seven years and while we were proud to reach that ambitious goal three years early, we did not slow down. I am proud to announce today that after cutting taxes more than 75 times, Florida businesses have created more than 1.44 million new jobs, officially doubling our promise to create 700,000 jobs in seven years.

While our efforts to cut taxes have helped save Floridians and job creators more than \$7 billion, we must make sure our progress is not undone. That is why, during the upcoming legislative session, I will fight to give voters the opportunity to amend the Florida Constitution to require a supermajority vote by future state legislatures to raise any taxes or fees. Together, we can make sure future generations are not burdened with unfair taxes and that our state remains a national leader in job creation and opportunity.

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 were:
  - Professional and business services with 42,600 new jobs;
  - Construction with 35,000 new jobs;
  - Trade, transportation and utilities with 32,300 new jobs.
  - Education and health services with 30,500 new jobs;
  - Leisure and hospitality with 27,900 new jobs; and
- Florida job postings showed 231,977 openings in August 2017.
- In August, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported 23,936 Floridians, including 1,417 veterans, were placed in jobs.

We will continue to work each day to keep taxes low and send a clear signal across the country that Florida is the best state for opportunity.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott  
Governor