

February 6, 2006

Jeb Bush  
Governor  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Tom Lee  
Senate President  
The Capitol, Room 409 C  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Allan Bense  
Speaker of the House  
The Capitol, Room 420 C  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Jeb, President Tom, and Speaker Allan:

As you are well aware, The Florida Council of 100 has been involved in a variety of issues over the years we believe are important to the economic well-being and quality of life of the people of Florida. For this reason, we feel it is critical for you to continue the work started last year to improve the constitutional amendment process.

We were pleased during last year's legislative session to see several good ideas discussed and debated. However, we were disappointed that only one of these ideas was passed out of the legislature. While we applaud the passage and approval of the referendum to increase approval threshold for amendments from 50% to 60%, we believe there is much more to be done. We hope you remain committed in seeing some significant reform this legislative session, and encourage your passage of the leading improvements, such as:

- Revision of the petition gathering process
- No hidden taxes in our Constitution
- Requirement of broader public support for constitutional amendments or revisions

We are confident that this issue is one of your top priorities during the 2006 legislative session, and know that you will continue the dialogue around the state to identify the best solutions to improving the constitutional amendment process. We look forward to working with you on this important issue during the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

Peter Rummell  
Chairman

Steve Halverson  
Constitutional Amendments Task Force Chairman

Cc: Lt. Governor Toni Jennings, All Council of 100 Members, All Legislators, AIF (Barney Bishop), FCC (Frank Ryll), TaxWatch (Dominic Calabro), EFI (John Adams)