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June 7, 2017

The Honorable Joe Negron
President
Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Richard Corcoran
Speaker
Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear President Negron and Speaker Corcoran:

We are writing today to indicate our strong support for the creation of the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund with an initial funding of \$85 million to promote economic opportunity by improving public infrastructure and enhancing workforce training. Specifically, the Governor should be authorized to approve:

- State or local public infrastructure projects to promote economic recovery in specific regions of the state, economic diversification, or economic enhancement in a targeted industry.
- Workforce training grants to support programs at state colleges and state technical centers that provide participants with transferable, sustainable workforce skills and for equipment associated with these programs.

We want to applaud and encourage the Legislature to continue championing strategies that improve economic development while maintaining transparency and accountability for performance.

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We applaud the Governor for his laser-like focus on job creation and improving our business climate. We believe no Governor in the country has produced better results over the past 6 years.

We are pleased to see top state policy makers focused on economic development strategy and hope the debate will lead to improved policies and programs that further the Council's mission to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of all Floridians through the relentless pursuit of better, business-driven public policy.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Geraghty
Chair
Florida Council of 100

Chris Corr
Chair
FC100 Business Climate & Policy Committee

cc: The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, State of Florida
The Honorable Jack Latvala, Chair, Florida Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Paul Renner, Member, Florida House of Representatives