



August 23, 2007

The Honorable Charlie Crist  
Governor  
State of Florida  
400 S. Monroe Street  
PL05 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor Crist:

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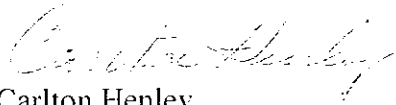
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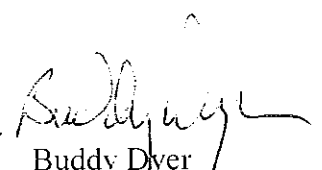
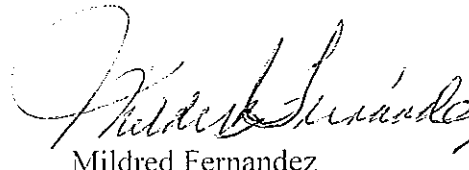
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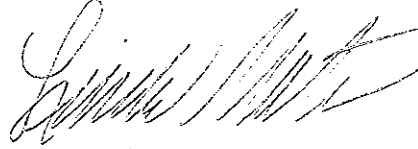


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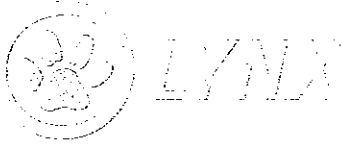
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The Honorable Marco Rubio  
The Capitol – Room 420 C  
402 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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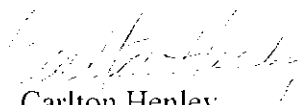
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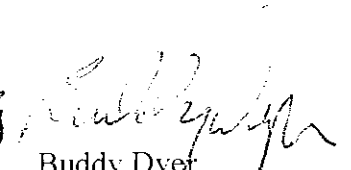
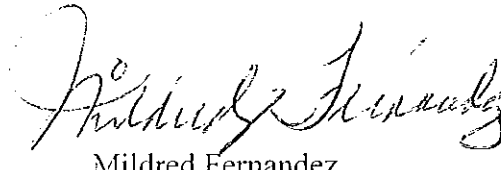
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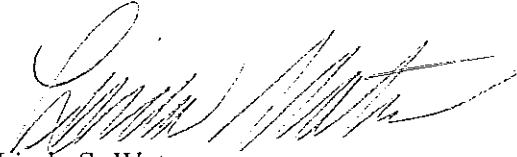


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The Honorable Ken Pruitt  
The Capitol – Room 312 SOB  
404 S. Monroe Street  
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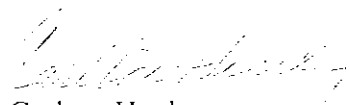
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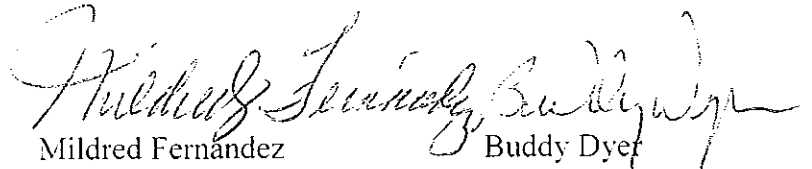
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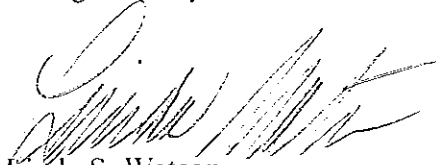


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