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AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
Ajax Paving Industries
Alico, Inc.
ALLETE Properties Inc.
Ambitrans Ambulance & Wheelchair Service
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Arthur Rutenberg Homes
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Barraco & Associates, Inc.
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Bonita Bay Group
Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce
Bonita Springs – Estero Association of Realtors
Cape Coral Construction Industry Association
The Cape Coral Council for Progress
Carter & Burgess, Inc.
Centex Homes
CH2M HILL, Inc.
Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral
The Chamber of Southwest Florida
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
Charlotte County Economic Development Office
Charlotte-DeSoto Building Industry Association
Citizens Highway Initiative Program
City of Marco Island
Collier Building Industry Association
Collier Enterprises
Community Engineering Services
Consolidated Citrus, LP
David Plummer & Associates
DMJM Harris/AECOM
Economic Development Council of Collier County
Englewood-Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce
Estero Chamber of Commerce
Florida Gulf Coast University
Gilkey Organization
Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Inc.
Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce
Gulf Citrus Growers Association
Harbourside Custom Homes
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Horizon Council of Lee County
Johnson Engineering
Kitson & Partners, LLC
Landmar Group, LLC
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Lee Building Industry Association
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Miromar Development
Naples Area Board of Realtors
Parsons Brinckerhoff
Pulte Home Corporation
Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers
and the Beach, Inc.
Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc.
The Ronto Group
South Charlotte County Coalition
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
SunTrust – Charlotte County
Taylor Woodrow
Touchstone at Rapallo, Inc.
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Vanasse & Daylor, LLP
WCI Communities
WilsonMiller, Inc.
Wyman Stokes Builder

August 29, 2007

The Honorable Ken Pruitt
President, Florida Senate
Room 312, Senate Building Office
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear President Pruitt:

On behalf of the 80-plus members and organizations affiliated with the Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative (SWFTI), we are writing to encourage you to take a forward-thinking approach to Florida's budget and revenue situation. Specifically, we would respectfully request that you consider a significant economic stimulus program focused on improving the state's transportation infrastructure.

As you know, your constituents throughout Florida continually rank transportation as one of the most important issues facing our state. An effective transportation network greatly improves mobility for freight and goods, helps to ensure the safety of our motoring families, and perhaps most importantly, adds greatly to our quality of life. Far too often, we find ourselves stuck in gridlock, which degrades each of these important factors and adds a significant level of frustration to our daily lives.

It may seem contradictory to suggest a transportation-related economic stimulus package when the state is facing the very real prospect of revenue shortfalls. However, this investment would be one of your most prudent decisions as Governor, since every \$1 spent for infrastructure results in \$7 of benefit to the state, and every \$1 billion in highway and bridge spending accounts for more than 47,000 jobs for our citizens. Clearly, there is nothing but good news here.

SWFTI encourages you to:

- 1) Identify a minimum of \$500 million, and as much as \$1 billion, in non-recurring funds to commit immediately to production-ready transportation projects throughout the state;
- 2) Protect the Florida Department of Transportation's Work Program from funding cuts;
- 3) Resist the temptation to divert any funding from the Transportation Trust Fund. Our long-term deficits are simply debilitating, and we need every resource available to address the state's critical transportation needs; and
- 4) Join your friends in the House and Senate in appointing a task force of experts from around the state to consider the future of transportation funding in Florida in the face of declining gas tax revenues.

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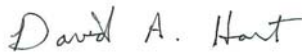
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President Pruitt, SWFTI stands ready to be a resource during this time of serious deliberation and review. Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can assist with the important work of the state and the Florida Department of Transportation.

With sincere appreciation for your consideration,
SWFTI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



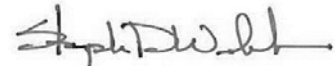
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