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Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby transmit Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1178 with my signature, enacted during the 39th Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2007 and entitled:

An act relating to local business taxes. . .

This bill allows municipalities established after 1995 to restructure their local business taxes and gives all local governments the authority to decrease these taxes.

The City of Weston requested this legislation. I applaud the City's written assurances to me that they want to make their local business taxes fairer and lower in order to improve the city's business climate. I want to encourage all other eligible cities to follow the City of Weston's example as they implement this bill.

For this reason, I hereby sign into law Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1178 and encourage all local governments to improve their business climate by lowering their local business taxes.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist