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GOVERNOR

June 25, 2008

Secretary Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the state of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1706, enacted during the 40th Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2008 and entitled:

An act relating to developments of regional impact ...

This bill includes provisions that are intended to promote biotechnical research development and green building, and I applaud these goals. However, this bill also includes provisions that affect our ability to create the well-planned communities that provide the foundation for a robust economy and maintain the quality of life that every Floridian deserves.

The bill expands the scope of the three year extension of build-out dates for developments of regional impact and Florida quality developments approved in 2007. This expansion affects communities across this state as they work to provide the roads, schools and public facilities needed to ensure that the effects of these new developments do not impair the quality of services provided to our current and future citizens. The bill also exempts certain developments in our most populous counties from development of regional impact review, which greatly limits the opportunity for citizen participation in decisions that may increase demand on existing school, transportation, and public infrastructure.

At a time when Florida's communities are struggling to find the resources to provide essential services, adequate water resources, and schools to educate our children, I am concerned that this bill may increase the burden on communities and shift the cost of new development from the people that benefit from the development to the citizens of our state. I look forward to working with the Legislature during the two years remaining on the current development of regional impact extension to ensure that we balance the vital elements of growth, while also encouraging prudent development.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1706, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

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