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Florida Chamber Applauds Passage of Statewide Rail Legislation

Supports Important Step for Long-Term Economic Development and Smarter Transportation Planning

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (December 8, 2009) – The Florida Chamber of Commerce released the following statement today following the passage of Chamber-supported rail legislation during the Special Legislative Session:

Statement from Mark Wilson, President and CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce:

“On behalf of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, we applaud the Florida Legislature for the passage of statewide rail legislation today. Statewide rail is an important step for Florida, as we continue to work toward building the infrastructure that is critical for our state’s long-term recovery and economic transition.”

“The Florida Chamber is thankful for the leadership of House Speaker Larry Cretul, Senate President Jeff Atwater and Governor Charlie Crist on behalf of this legislation. The Florida Chamber, along with our partners, will continue to fight for long-term job creation and economic recovery in order to create a stronger free enterprise system for the future.”

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