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The Honorable Marco Rubio United States Senate Washington, DC 20002

RE: Florida Chamber of Commerce Supports Federal Tax Reform

Dear Senator Rubio,

There is no better time for federal tax reform than now. That's why the Florida Chamber of Commerce encourages Congress to capitalize on this historic opportunity to advance pro-growth tax reform and to make our country more competitive.

The Florida Chamber has a long history of working on meaningful tax reforms and targeted tax reductions in Florida and has long encouraged lawmakers to reduce taxes on Florida families and job creators.

Under the leadership of Florida Governor Rick Scott, Florida has cut taxes by \$7 billion and is now a shining example of how tax reform can make a state more competitive.

- Florida is a proud leader in private-sector job creation, and since December, 2010, more than 1.4 million jobs have been created.
- In 2016, Florida experienced a 3.2 percent increase in job growth –higher than the U.S. job growth of 1.6 percent during the same time.
- And Florida's nearly \$1 trillion GDP will see private-sector job growth of two million new jobs by 2030.

Meaningful tax reform will position the United States for stronger economic growth. Lowering taxes, simplifying America's tax code and cutting the small business tax rate will help reduce burdens on families and create an economic environment this country needs to grow.

Now is the best opportunity Americans have to transform an antiquated system for the betterment of American families and job creators. On behalf of job creators in Florida, the Florida Chamber encourages Congress to pass meaningful tax reform and to secure our nation's future.

We stand ready to work with you and the administration towards the best interest of Florida and the nation's economy.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce Syd Kitson, Chairman, Florida Chamber Board of Directors Bob Grammig, Chairman-Elect, Florida Chamber Board of Directors