

Dear Friends,

This week we focused on Florida's economy and all the ways we are continuing to support our leading industries and small businesses.

I met with Hispanic business leaders at a roundtable to discuss how state government can help encourage growth among small business and with our most prominent international business partners.



Also, through our *Accelerate Florida* plan, state agencies are removing the red tape so that private business can thrive and make use of all the available resources our state has to offer. We have been able to speed up road construction projects. They will pump \$1.4 billion into the economy through much needed transportation projects. During the next several months, these projects alone will employ 39,000 people in our state.



We are also working to ensure that Florida's target industries remain competitive. Florida's businesses benefit from research and development in biotech, green technology, aviation and aerospace. We continue to see new innovative technology and ideas emerging in these sectors – and look to them as leaders in helping Florida's economy grow and thrive.

I also want to remind you that early voting begins next week and I encourage you, no matter who you are voting for, to cast your ballot in this very important election.

Thank you very much and may God continue to bless our beautiful Florida.

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

Photo Captions:

Top Right: Governor Crist (right) meets with Hispanic business leaders from around Florida to discuss his economic stimulus plan, "Accelerate Florida: Extending Florida's Economic Horizons."

Bottom Left: Governor Crist points out some of the projects across Florida, totaling \$1.4 billion in road construction funding, as part of his "Accelerate Florida" initiative.