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The Honorable Charles Crist
Office of Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: *SunRail--The start to Florida's transportation future*

Dear Governor Crist:

We are corresponding with you today at the direction of the membership of the Association of Florida Community Developers ("AFCD"). We congratulate you on your endorsement of the **SunRail** project and urge you to stay proactive in your support of it.

As you know, AFCD is an association made up of the major community developers and their supporting consultants from around the state of Florida. AFCD has, over a long number of years, provided a leadership role in interfacing with the State to encourage an effective and efficient planning and policy framework that supports economic development while retaining Florida's natural assets. As an organization, AFCD is committed to working to meet the challenges of growth, and to seize opportunities for economic development. Perhaps, most importantly, the membership of AFCD represents, not only a substantial investment in Florida's future, but a substantial investment in Florida's long-term future. As such, we see an important parallel between our business and the greater needs of the State, and today we see an important parallel between our business and the development of commuter rail.

The **SunRail**, project, which will link Volusia, Seminole, Orange and Osceola Counties with a new mass transit option beginning in 2011, should remain a high priority for your Office and for the State of Florida. Florida can no longer allow itself to squander this opportunity to get its fair share of Federal money to assist in and ensure the development of this backbone infrastructure.

Your leadership as Governor has highlighted the continuing importance of "green development," for "a lessened carbon footprint," and "for improved transportation and diversity of transportation opportunities" within the state of Florida. Your continuing leadership in support of **SunRail** contributes to all of these.

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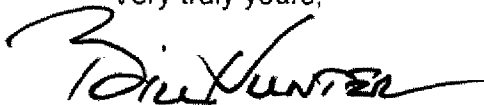
We thank you for your early endorsement of the **SunRail** project, and encourage you to do all that you can from your position as Governor to ensure that the **SunRail** project finds its way through the legislature this year. To those who would argue that it is a parochial undertaking designed to serve only a limited constituency within the state of Florida, we would suggest that no matter where commuter rail begins, it will always be parochial to those first served by it, and those who must wait. However, we must start somewhere.

Importantly, this project is ready to go and represents a significant economic stimulus that in many respects will be more immediate and more dramatic than those presently proposed by the Federal government for infrastructure development. That is why this project, at this time, has even more importance than it might have had in another time. It puts on the map immediate opportunities for collateral development around transit-oriented design along the 61 miles of track and offers the opportunity for a significant measure of private capital to be invested along that track as the train begins operation and people begin to understand its benefits.

It is not our intent to detail all of the specific economic advantages, as we are assured that your Office has access to them and understands them. It is our intent to make it clear that the member companies of the AFCD represent a large and broad-based constituency that views the approval of **SunRail** as a unique and important stimulus package for the State of Florida, and for managing and controlling growth appropriately into the future.

We would be happy to discuss this with you further as your circumstances require, but wanted to be certain that our views on this matter were known to you. Thank you for your attention, and we will look forward to your aggressive support of **SunRail** in this legislative session and beyond.

Very truly yours,



Bill Hunter
President



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Chairman