



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

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Dear friends,

On behalf of the State of Florida, welcome to the Sunshine State. I encourage you to explore all that we have to offer for both fun and investment.

An advanced economy with a highly-skilled, multilingual work force and a dynamic multi-modal infrastructure, Florida serves as the gateway to the hemisphere by facilitating the movement of investment, trade, information and people throughout the Americas. We are home to a rich business climate that includes major companies and research institutes in life sciences, aviation & aerospace, clean energy, manufacturing, information technology, and financial services. Even more, we are still the Florida that you have come to know, with thriving agriculture and tourism-based industries.

A commitment of my administration is to promote Florida internationally and to reaffirm to the world that Florida is open for business. With an annual gross domestic product ranking 4th in the United States and 19th in the world, Florida's highly diversified economy is ripe for investment in all areas. Our business leaders actively work with Florida's economic development community and our designated U.S. Department of Homeland Security EB-5 regional centers to attract foreign investor capital to the state. As you consider Florida for your investments, we look forward to working with you to ensure Florida becomes home to your business as well.

Once again, welcome to Florida and I encourage you to consider the Sunshine State for your investment.

Sincerely,

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

Charlie Crist