



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

March 17, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The people of Florida have historically contributed significantly more in federal tax payments than the amount of federal funds that return to our State. Now, at a time when many families are facing extraordinary difficulties due to the decline in the economy, it is critical that we ensure that Floridians are able to access the federal resources made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Therefore, pursuant to section 1607 of the Act, I certify that the State of Florida will request and use funds provided by this Act and the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

In implementing the provisions of the Act, it is my intent to continue to consult closely with the Florida Legislature and ensure compliance with applicable provisions of State law. It is further my intent to ensure that the highest standards of fiscal integrity, transparency and accountability are met in the administration of these funds.

I trust this certification fulfills the requirements of section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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

Charlie Crist

cc: Mr. Peter Orszag, Director
Office of Management and Budget
(via electronic certification)

Florida Congressional Delegation