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Bob Burleson, President  
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Dear Mr. Burleson:

*Bob*

This week I released my Business Plan for Florida, which outlines my vision, as a candidate for Governor, for revitalizing our economy and putting Floridians back to work. A key component of that plan – especially in the short term -- calls for investing in Florida's transportation infrastructure. As you know, we can create jobs quickly and develop the necessary foundation for a new economy by supporting the infrastructure projects to enhance our transportation network – roads, rail, airports, ports and broadband capabilities.

A reliable, interconnected and efficient transportation network is the key to helping Florida's businesses take advantage of global opportunities and to attracting even more businesses to this state. That is why I am extremely disappointed that the Republican leadership of the Florida Legislature continues to target the State Transportation Trust Fund as a source for siphoning away dollars that are intended for transportation projects. The timing of this action is particularly devastating given the nearly 12 percent unemployment rate in Florida.

As I told your members last August at your annual convention in Boca Raton, I fully support using the State Transportation Trust Fund for the purpose in which it was established: to pay for transportation projects. Any other use of these gas tax dollars breaks faith with our citizens who pay into the fund every time they fill up their cars at the local gas station. As Governor, I would fight to keep the trust fund dollars from being diverted to non-transportation purposes.

I join with the members and leadership of the FTBA in opposing any raid on the State Transportation Trust Fund. Legislative leaders should be encouraging quick job growth by protecting the funding of state transportation projects, not raiding the piggybank.

Sincerely,

Alex Sink

