

October 15, 2008

Dear Governor Crist:

Since you issued Executive Order 07-128 on July 13, 2007, the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change has worked diligently to develop this comprehensive Energy and Climate Change Action Plan for the State of Florida.

This transmittal is the second and final report of the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change. The Action Team submitted its Phase 1 report in 2007 containing 35 findings and 30 recommendations. This Phase 2 report details our collective 2008 work and provides 50 separate policy recommendations that will reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and provide a framework for climate change adaptation strategies to guide Florida over the coming years and decades. Further, the Phase 2 report provides a separate set of comments toward the current work to develop Florida's cap-and-trade regulatory program, one of the provisions contained in the 2008 Legislature's landmark energy and climate change bill that you signed.

The principal charge provided to the Action Team has been to develop a plan that will fully achieve or surpass the targets for statewide greenhouse gas reductions specified in Executive Order 07-127. If all of the recommendations in this plan were to be implemented, it is estimated that:

- Florida's greenhouse gas emission reductions would *surpass* your Executive Order 07-127 emission reduction targets for 2017 and 2025, by 11 percent and 34 percent, respectively;
- Florida's energy security would increase by reducing our dependence on fossil fuels resulting in a total fuel savings of 53.5 billion gallons of petroleum, 200.2 million short tons of coal, and 6.394 billion cubic feet of natural gas during the period of 2009 through 2025; and,
- Florida's economy would see a net benefit through investments in energy efficiency, low-carbon energy sources, and other greenhouse gas reduction strategies resulting in an estimated total net cost savings of more than \$28 billion from 2009 to 2025.

I could not possibly offer enough thanks to the 28 appointed members of the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change. At their own expense, they participated in this unprecedented effort as a collegial yet dynamic panel, lending their expertise and judicious thought. In the Phase 2 process, we also engaged more than 120 technical experts with resource knowledge in six separate Technical Working Groups. I am truly grateful for their technical

wisdom and dedication to serving in these key roles and for ensuring the Action Team had the latest and most complete science and data available. Also, the Center for Climate Strategies was instrumental in developing this report, serving as the independent facilitator, providing technical resources, and helping us ensure a public participation stakeholder process.

This second and final report of the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change is an exciting marker in Florida's journey on these issues, but it does not mark the end of the work Florida has ahead. It is essential that the recently created Florida Energy and Climate Commission continually track, update, and review these recommendations and analyses as additional data and information become available.

On behalf of the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve Florida in this critical and historic endeavor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Sole". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael W. Sole, Chairman