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MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

My top priority as Mayor of Miami-Dade County coincides with your priority for the State of Florida: growing and diversifying our economy. Our State University System provides the means to do so, affording our residents the knowledge and practical skills that lead to a great job and career. To that end, I also share the view that facilitating the expansion of Florida International University (FIU) remains a cornerstone to the growth and diversification of South Florida's economy, providing an opportunity for so many of our residents to obtain the tools for success.

Over the course of my administration, I have worked with FIU and the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition (The Fair) to make much-needed land available for FIU's expansion.

After years of meetings and the assessment of more than 27 sites, we were able to focus on four sites that offer promising solutions. FIU has made detailed presentations to us and other community stakeholders regarding the benefits of one of these four locations: a County-owned site near the Homestead Air Reserve Base, right off the Florida Turnpike and 272 Street in South Miami-Dade. We are committed to working cooperatively and creatively with FIU and The Fair on a site solution that addresses the needs of all parties, and ensures that we fulfill the terms of the November 2014 referendum.

That is why it is so important that you help us with your support of additional funding for FIU during this legislative session. This funding is essential to making FIU's expansion possible, and I am as determined as ever to bring this project to conclusion.

Thank you for continuing to support this project, which is so critically important to increasing educational opportunities and economic development for our State.

Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", is written over a horizontal line.

c: The Honorable Andy Gardiner, Senator, State of Florida
The Honorable Steve Crisafulli, Representative, State of Florida