

THANK YOU FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION, GOVERNOR SCOTT, AND THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY TO BE PART OF THIS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE!

I'M EXCITED TO BE WITH YOU AT SHELL LUMBER, A PROUD LOCAL BUSINESS, TO HIGHLIGHT THE GOVERNOR'S \$1 BILLION TAX CUT PACKAGE. MIAMI-DADE MANUFACTURERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS, AS WELL AS OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, CAN BENEFIT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL.

THE GOVERNOR'S TAX CUT PACKAGE CAN POTENTIALLY FURTHER DIVERSIFY OUR LOCAL ECONOMY -- WHICH IS A MAJOR PRIORITY OF MINE AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR -- AND SERVE AS ANOTHER SAFEGUARD FOR OUR GREAT STATE AGAINST ANOTHER ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

AS THE GOVERNOR HAS REPEATEDLY MENTIONED, THE BEST WAY TO A MIDDLE-CLASS LIFE -- OR BETTER -- IS THROUGH A GOOD JOB.

THAT IS WHY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS DOING OUR PART TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR RESIDENTS' ECONOMIC WELLBEING AND SECURITY BY SETTING

THE CONDITIONS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR JOB GROWTH.

IN FACT, SINCE THE END OF THE ECONOMIC RECESSION (JUNE/JULY 2011), MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HAS CREATED NEARLY 115,000 PRIVATE-SECTOR JOBS -- MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN FLORIDA.

SO, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE DOING THE MATH, OF THE 941,000 JOBS CREATED THROUGHOUT THE STATE SINCE 2011, 115,000 HAVE BEEN CREATED HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

WITH TODAY'S TAX CUT ANNOUNCEMENT, THE GOVERNOR HAS SET A GOAL TO MAKE FLORIDA THE "SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL OF THE WORLD."

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPPORTS THIS GOAL BECAUSE SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMY.

GOVERNOR SCOTT, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS, I THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING JOB CREATION IN OUR COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT OUR STATE.

MY ADMINISTRATION AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL OF MAKING FLORIDA THE “SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL OF THE WORLD” AND TO FURTHER DIVERSIFY AND SAFEGUARD OUR ECONOMY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING BETTER LIVES FOR EACH AND EVERY RESIDENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY...

AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO LEAD FLORIDA IN PRIVATE SECTOR JOB CREATION!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU, AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA.

