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JEFF ATWATER
STATE OF FLORIDA

September 3, 2015

The Honorable Andy Gardiner, President of the Senate
The Honorable Steve Crisafulli, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear President Gardiner and Speaker Crisafulli:

President Obama's pending deal with Iran is a direct assault on Florida's divestment from state-sponsored terror.

Today, I released the attached statement outlining my firm commitment to our state's policy of divestment from companies engaged in prohibited business operations with state sponsors of terror. Given the impending congressional vote on the proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action—and the plan's plain directive to challenge states with divestment policies—I urge you to join me in defending Florida's choice to not fund terror-related organizations.

As a trustee of our state's investments, I call on you to ensure the ability to direct Florida investments away from the world's foremost terror-supporting regime. We must defend the authority of the bipartisan Iran divestment bill (now F.S. 215.473) that passed both Chambers unanimously. To fully honor the people of Florida and our rights as a sovereign state, we must urgently vet every possible option, be it statutory revision or constitutional amendment, and urgently act to preserve and protect our divestment policies.

We must act, and we must act quickly. We cannot be forced to fund terrorism. Florida was a leader in our decision to divest from companies that have prohibited business operations in Iran, and now we must lead in defending that decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Atwater".

Jeff Atwater
Chief Financial Officer