

Dear Friends,

Solar Energy in the Sunshine State

This week I was proud to join Florida Power & Light's parent company, the FPL Group, to announce a new investment in solar energy. FPL leads the way in renewable energy and plans to build 300 megawatts of solar capacity in Florida. Along with customer-service investments, FPL is pumping \$2.4 billion into our economy.

Thanks to FPL's leadership, we are seeing wind and solar energy become viable sources of electricity for Americans. No state is more vulnerable than our Florida to catastrophes triggered by global climate change. I am proud to stand with anyone who will stand for solutions on this issue.

Gold in Green



I also had the privilege to join two climate change summits this week -- one in Orlando, hosted by Orange County Mayor Rich Crotty, and the other, in New York City, hosted by former President Bill Clinton. It is clear that America's entrepreneurial spirit is linked to energy efficiency and renewable energy such as ethanol, solar, wind and wave energy.

Florida's businesses are embracing climate friendly strategies because they understand there is gold in green. When we use less energy, we save money on energy costs. At the same time, we help save our beautiful natural surroundings. That's why energy conservation makes

good business sense.

Utility companies are finding new ways to produce energy. University researchers are producing power from the ocean and making ethanol from citrus and sugar-cane waste. Developers are looking to build communities with solar panels on every roof. Hotels and motels are working to earn a "Green Lodging" designation that shows they are energy efficient.

Taking Action

As the great conservationist President Teddy Roosevelt said, "The man who really counts in the world is the *doer*." I am committed to being a doer -- a person of action -- to address global climate change. In Florida, we are working to reduce greenhouse gases, increase energy efficiency and pursue renewable energy such as solar and wind energy -- as well as ethanol and hydrogen.

May God bless you and the great state of Florida,

Charlie Crist