

Dear Friends,

While celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr. this week, I was reminded that we cannot take for granted the precious rights and responsibilities we have as citizens of this great state – and nation.

One of our most fundamental rights as Floridians, and Americans, is choosing the next President of the United States. Voting is the foundation of our democracy, and no matter your political party affiliation, I encourage you to make your voice heard this Tuesday.

Not only are we choosing our nation's next leader, we are also deciding on an important issue that will affect our state. On January 29th, the power to lower property taxes is exactly where it should be – in the hands of the people of Florida. The tax-cut package will jump start Florida's housing market and make Florida even more business friendly – which will generate more revenue for state and local governments and schools.



I know some are concerned that the tax-cut will reduce education funding. Last week I unveiled my education budget recommendation which will provide \$138 million to fully fund any reductions to local education funding. I am committed to making sure schools will be held harmless.

The power is in your hands. Take the time to exercise your rights and provide a better future for Florida, and our nation.

Thank you and God bless you.

Charlie Crist

