

Dear Friends,



During these challenging economic times, we must remain focused on strengthening Florida's economy. Florida is blessed with a variety of economic drivers.

On Monday, I met with business, government and community leaders from Pinellas County to discuss economic development and transportation.

On Tuesday, I joined President Bush in Jacksonville to announce investments in Florida's infrastructure and ports. The Port of Jacksonville supports more than 50,000 jobs and pumps \$3 billion into the economy every year.

This week we also celebrated Florida's film and entertainment industry. It generates \$3.9 billion and creates almost 34,000 jobs statewide. Our film and entertainment industry also feeds our state's tourism — our number one industry.



By strengthening Florida's diverse economic drivers, we can help build a bridge to better economic times.

Thank you very much and may God continue to bless Florida.

Charlie Crist

Photo Captions

Top Left: Governor Crist honors actor Armand Assante on behalf of Film Florida for his contributions to Florida's film industry.

Bottom Right: Governor Crist and former Tampa Bay Buccaneer Mike Alstott (*center*), demonstrate the EA Sports Madden NFL game, in which Alstott is featured.