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Statement from Dominic M. Calabro, President & CEO of Florida TaxWatch on Governor Crist's Budget Vetoes:

"The Governor today hit a grand slam for the taxpayers of Florida with his budget message and vetoes. He has demonstrated his sensitivity to the plight of Florida's taxpayers in holding the line on unnecessary spending and taxation and shown the discipline and leadership to carry out his principles. Florida TaxWatch congratulates Governor Crist and the Legislature for ensuring we have hefty reserves of \$7 billion and there is little or no use of non-recurring revenue for recurring general revenue programs. This Governor has indeed set the bar to a new high for sound fiscal stewardship. Taxpayers should be glad to have a governor who not only talks the talk, but walks the walk."

MEDIA NOTE: A detailed comparison of the Governor's vetoes (in green) and the TaxWatch list of "Budget Turkeys" released yesterday, by both line item and by county, is attached to this list. The Governor vetoed 68% of those Florida TaxWatch budget turkeys recommended for veto. That represents 58% of the total value of the \$267.3 million in budget turkeys.

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