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## **Statement from Florida TaxWatch on Governor Crist's Property Tax Recommendations**

**TALLAHASSEE** — “Florida TaxWatch commends Governor Crist for being balanced with his property tax reform proposals by addressing the taxes paid by all property owners,” said Dominic M. Calabro, President and CEO of Florida TaxWatch. “His recommendations would improve the current system, but care has to be taken that the same problems created by Save Our Homes for homestead property do not occur for non-homestead property, and that the burden for increasing property taxes is not unduly borne by new homes and new commercial property. It must also be remembered that true reform must include responsible ways to hold down local government spending and millage rates to provide long-term fiscal stewardship.”

“We look forward to working with the Governor and the Florida Legislature to create a new property tax system that is fair to all taxpayers, more accountable, and promotes a healthy economy.”

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