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Statement by Dominic M. Calabro, Florida TaxWatch President, on the Governor's Proposed Budget

"The Governor's recommended budget is very generous to all constituents. It's a very big increase of 7.45%. The budget is growing not because of tax increases but because of a very thriving state economy, hurricane rebuilding activity, and rapidly rising property values. The state has been blessed with a very healthy economy that has withstood many tests.

"Our concern is that state government has been growing faster than the economy. It is a whole lot bigger and harder to control and we need to control the growth of government and spending."

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