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

"We commend the Governor for doing what only he could do in vetoing \$180 million of projects from the Legislature's budget. \$180 million saved is \$180 million earned for the hardworking taxpayers of Florida. As the Governor noted, he gave the legislative leadership more leeway this year in discretionary spending due to the hurricanes and extenuating circumstances."

MEDIA NOTE: A detailed comparison of the Governor's vetoes and the list of "Budget Turkeys" released last Friday by Florida TaxWatch is attached to this release.

Comparison summary: The Governor vetoed 252 of the 413 TaxWatch identified "Turkeys", worth \$125.5 million of the \$240.3 million total "Turkey" cost identified by TaxWatch.

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