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GOVERNOR

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Interim Secretary Dawn Roberts  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for HB 7203, enacted during the 112<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to Community Development Districts ...

On its face, the bill allows certain Community Development Districts (CDDs) to levy a local option sales tax on leases to its tenants to promote and support commercial activities. However, it allows this tax to be levied without the approval of the taxpayers obligated to pay it. As I clearly stated last year in my veto letter for SB 718 (2009), I firmly believe that every local option sales tax must be approved by those who will be required to pay the tax.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for House Bill 7203, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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