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The Honorable Ken Pruitt
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The Honorable Marco Rubio
Speaker
The Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
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Dear President Pruitt and Speaker Rubio:

The Taxation and Budget Reform Commission hereby submits the Committee Substitute for Statutory Recommendation 49 (Engrossed) for consideration by the Florida Legislature.

Article XI, section 6 of the Florida Constitution requires the Commission to conduct a review and to "propose to the legislature any recommended statutory changes related to the taxation or budgetary laws of the state." Consistent with this duty, the Commission approved the Committee Substitute for Statutory Recommendation 49 (Engrossed) by a vote of 16-0 on March 7, 2008.

The statutory recommendation requires certain county officers, boards, and taxing authorities to submit line-item, zero-based budgets to county commissions prior to budget hearings. The text and analysis of the recommendation are attached.

Please contact me or Susan Skelton, executive director, for additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Allan Bense, Chair

Enclosures

Cc: The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor