



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

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Mr. John Howard  
President  
Howard & Company CPAs  
4745 Sutton Park Court, Number 102  
Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Dear Mr. Howard:

Congratulations on Howard & Company CPAs recently being included in the *Jacksonville Business Journal's* list of top accounting firms. Businesses provide opportunities for families to live their dreams in our state. Floridians like you are helping make our state the best place in the world to raise a family, have a great career and enjoy a life full of opportunity.

Florida businesses have added more than 1.34 million jobs over the last six years, and our economy is booming because of our continued focus on cutting taxes, reducing burdensome regulations, and fostering an environment where job creators can grow and succeed in Florida. Our "Fighting for Florida's Future" budget continues our hard work and cuts taxes by \$618 million while making strategic investments in areas that are important to families. We will continue to do all we can to secure a bright future for Florida by diversifying the economy and supporting business growth so we can make Florida the global destination for jobs.

Thank you for helping make sure every family has the opportunity to succeed here in the Sunshine State. Please let me know your ideas for how we can continue to fight for Florida's future and ensure our children and grandchildren have the opportunity to succeed in our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott  
Governor