

August 3, 2001

The Honorable Chip Pickering
House of Representatives
427 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pickering:

I am pleased to inform you that the Gulf States Initiative will be hosting a series of meetings to discuss the latest update on the GSI Program and the incredible progress it has made since its inception.

A reception will be held at the Governor's Mansion on August 15, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. to allow an opportunity for all involved to gather and share their stories and strategies. We will gather again at 9:30 a.m. the next morning, August 16, 2001, for an official board meeting at the Department of Public Safety in the 5th Floor Conference Room for an overview of the GSI Program and its success. There will be a press conference immediately following the board meeting, at which time the representative GSI Board Members of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana will announce the State of Florida as GSI's newest member.

I look forward to the continued success of this program and I hope to see you or a member of your staff as we gather to celebrate the accomplishments of this great program. Please feel free to call Commissioner Huggins if you or your staff have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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