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Honorable Charlie Crist
PL-05, The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Dear Governor Crist:

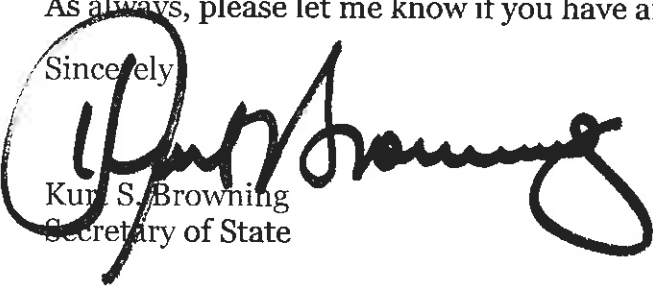
As you are aware, early voting across our State has generated long lines. Although we will utilize almost 7000 polling places on General Election day, November 4, 2008, it appears the 267 sites used for early voting and the hours they are open are not adequate.

As you are also aware, there are 15 counties that are using new optical scan voting systems for the first time this election cycle. Although these systems are performing well, it appears that voters are taking some time to get accustomed to using this new equipment.

Therefore, I am requesting you consider extending the hours of early voting.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,


Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State