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Dear Governor Crist,

With the special session aimed at resolving Florida's budget crisis now indefinitely postponed, I respectfully request that one be called to address the coming automotive insurance crisis and the subsequent chaos that will ensue. In anticipation of this call, Rep. Evan Jenne and I have prepared a bill which will extend PIP for one year. Sen. Ted Deutch intends on sponsoring this important bill in the Senate.

This bill, as opposed to those drafted by Rep. Ellyn Bogdanoff or Senator Bill Posey, will not include any reforms to the PIP statute. An extension will allow us the time to properly debate the merits of PIP during the 2008 legislative session, and afford the public the opportunity to voice their concerns. This issue deserves thoughtful consideration, deliberation and debate in committee meetings and on the floor of the House and Senate during a regular session.

As Florida's leaders, we have the responsibility to protect our citizens from the danger of living in a state with no mandatory auto insurance. With the sunseting of PIP, we risk adding millions of uninsured or underinsured drivers to our roads. We will lose this important safety net that our constituents rely on.

As illustrated by my friend Rep. Bill Galvano's recent letter and the calls of many of my colleagues, there is clear bipartisan support for the extension of PIP.

Governor, our bill is simple. It is one sentence and one page. All we need is one person to call a special session and one day to pass it.

Thank you for your kind consideration and attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rick Kriseman", written over a horizontal line.

Representative Rick Kriseman

CC: Hon. Ken Pruitt, President of the Senate
Hon. Marco Rubio, Speaker of the House