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The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Florida elections bill CS/CS/HB1355

Dear Governor Scott:

Please veto the elections legislation the Florida Legislature just passed. No doubt you've seen the many criticisms, especially that it would significantly reduce the number of early-voting days.

Because Florida has five counties needing federal approval in the event of major changes in election procedures, I have asked the U.S. Department of Justice for an investigation if this bill becomes law. There are just too many questions about whether this measure would disenfranchise an untold number of Floridians.

I remain convinced it is bad for our democratic process. Thank you for considering these concerns.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson