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The Honorable Charlie Crist
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Dear Governor Crist:

On behalf of the members of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, I acknowledge your Executive Order 08-217, extending the hours of early voting. There are areas of the state that have expressed a need for additional time. However, the Supervisors of Elections who must now manage this situation, would have been better prepared if we had been consulted concerning the statewide need for this extension, the manner in which it would be employed and the implementation timeframe. As you know, the sites which we use are very limited and the individuals who work there are basically volunteers.

In light of what has transpired, it is clear that Florida voters are very interested in early voting. Our Association has advocated for several years an examination and modifications of the current statutes controlling early voting, which have been rejected. We look forward to working with you and the Florida Legislature in providing proper modifications to the statutes that will result in an improved early voting system for all Florida voters.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer J. Edwards

cc: Honorable Kurt S. Browning