



September 14, 2017

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

Dear Governor Scott:

Thank you for your unwavering leadership in the face of Hurricane Irma. Your concern about the welfare of every citizen of this state and deliberative approach to calls for both state and Federal assistance has been incredibly swift. There is no question in my mind that under your leadership Florida was as prepared as possible and lives were saved.

As we seek to get our lives back in order statewide, it has come to my attention from many members of the Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA) that while you have declared a state of emergency for all 67 counties in the state, there are Federal quarterly estimated business tax payments due on September 15, 2017 for which an extension is only being extended by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to counties designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for “individual assistance”.

While President Trump’s major disaster declaration was extended late yesterday to include 37 of 67 counties, **we strongly believe that the IRS should be directed to apply the extension to the September 15, 2017 business tax filing to all 67 Florida counties** regardless of where the preparer or business is located.

On behalf of the more than 18,000 members of the FICPA, we ask for your support and assistance on this matter and are sending similar letters to both the head of FEMA, the IRS and our two U.S. Senators.

Do not hesitate to contact me in the event the FICPA can offer assistance to you, any state or local government agency or any individual seeking help with the aftermath of this terrible natural disaster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DC #10'.

Deborah Curry, CPA, CGMA  
President/CEO

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Cc: Alan West, FICPA Chair