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**A Healthy Florida Works**

***Regarding the Florida Senate's Budget Proposal and the inclusion of funding to extend health care coverage in Florida***

"The Florida Senate today took yet another step in the right direction for Florida businesses and families by including funding for extending health care coverage to working, uninsured Floridians in their proposed budget. With the Senate's budget proposal, Florida taxpayers will finally see their dollars return from Washington, D.C., so that we can create the Florida Health Insurance Affordability Exchange (FHIX) program and get one million Floridians the health care coverage they need.

We are grateful to the Florida Senate for its leadership and steadfast commitment to creating a healthier Florida.

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*A Healthy Florida Works is a statewide coalition of more than 700 business members, local chambers of commerce, statewide business associations and nearly 110,000 individual members who believe the State of Florida should use available federal funding to extend health care coverage to approximately one million, uninsured Floridians. For more information about the coalition, visit [www.ahealthyfloridaworks.com](http://www.ahealthyfloridaworks.com).*