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Subject: Florida Jobs through Business Establishment

Mr. Hudson:

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I saw you on the television last night discussing new research and development funding. I think I grasp the basic concept of the bill; however, I think the bill as lacking on innovation stimulus in order to create the maximum jobs and fiscal dollars for the state. The biggest problem is unfunded individuals with ideas can't get funded and individuals with operating businesses can get awarded grant money based on their own devised projects; however, they will not pay for any good ideas themselves. They only want to steal any idea they hear and cut the actual inventor out of the deal so no innovation occurs except stolen innovation. This of course stifles the incentive to create good ideas and proliferates wasteful bureaucratic spending on picked over no good ideas. I agree with the concept that entrepreneurs should have some of their own money, at least 20% of the projects funding, invested in these projects; however, I think they need to select their projects from a database that the state provides from top inventors. The first problem I see is that federal government does not have any programs to spur innovation within their programs and it appears as though your program will simply base funding on what their program decides is the appropriate subject matter to award funding to. This gets into the question of wasteful appropriations of the past and will produce little or no benefit in the state and produce no business tax based jobs and associated additional jobs and improvements in citizen lifestyle. As we have seen from the state's large investment in algae oil, when these expenditures are managed by individuals who have no expertise in analyzing financial risk and benefit, expenditures can become huge with little or no definitive results. While hindsight is always 100%, certain indicators in this program should have shut down the program and eliminated expenditure to about \$50,000; instead, it may have run into a billion dollars or more. The other problem I see is that the federal government and the entrepreneurs who will be requesting the money don't have the ability to produce the top viable ideas for development; therefore, they are limited to a picked over list of projects that will produce little or no jobs for the state or the nation. The other problem involved is that these ideas that are produced in the patent system are being awarded to the wrong individuals, thereby cutting off the supply of ideas from of the few individuals capable of producing them. Until we get a program that places the patents in

the correct person's name and there is an immediate reward involved in their creation, all of these government programs will squander the money that is allocated. The other problem is sorting out the good ideas from the bad ideas ensuring that the money is well spent. Another problem with the present R&D awarding system is that the funds are allocated to unrealistic physical and medical science when no significant breakthroughs have recently occurred. Putting idea conceivers in the driver's seat as far as money expenditure is the best way to eliminate R&D cost overruns. When a project is unsuccessful, the funds need to be stopped immediately and other projects need to be conceived instead of allocating a large amounts of money and spending all of it regardless of whether or not any progress has been made along the way. In many cases, this usually requires a top inventor to realize what direction to proceed. I feel the state needs to consider a risk analysis team consisting of the brightest individuals available and a system of rewards for the conceivers of these ideas in order to ensure that the public's money is well spent. Of course I feel that I should be a part of this process due to the fact that my grandfather's and my ideas have become such a huge part of everything that we see here today that is not native vegetation. Please institute these ideas in a bill amendment in order to ensure that Florida leads the way in the nation's economic recovery.

See my website for the true history of invention, my patent reform proposals, and available job stimulating inventions.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Thomas
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CC: United States President Obama
CC: State Senator Leahy, Vermont
CC: Florida Governor Charlie Crist