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Chiles: Florida needs committed leaders, not self-serving politics

Statement from Lawton “Bud” Chiles,
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TALLAHASSEE – “The people of the state of Florida are facing the greatest challenges in a generation, but our newly elected governor is cutting out to pursue yet another political office.

“Gov. Charlie Crist is asking for a promotion while he leaves 1 out of 10 Floridians still looking for work, and more than 800,000 children without health insurance. A high school student in Florida has less

chance of graduating here than almost any other state, while juvenile crime spins out of control. Our schoolchildren are the victims of a decade of broken promises, and only a lucky four percent get to go to a school funded at the national average.

“Worst To First is dedicated to fighting false rhetoric with facts, and helping people take action to change the state for the good of our kids. Floridians must reject self-serving and self-dealing politics.

“I am committed to traveling across this state to carry this message and to help lead a change in business as usual in Tallahassee,” Chiles said.

The Worst to First initiative is built on three guiding principles:

- *Providing our children with an education for the future;*
- *Protecting the health of our children; and*
- *Investing in success instead of paying for failure.*

Worst To First is open to any groups or individuals working to ensure every child in Florida has the opportunity to fulfill their God-given potential. For more information, visit our web site at www.WorstToFirst.org.