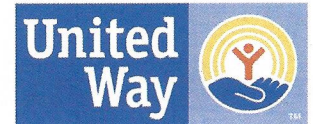


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The Honorable Clay Ingram
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Dear Representative Ingram:

Last session, you and your colleagues on the Conference Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development appropriated \$500,000 to United Way to support tax preparation assistance services for working Floridians in all 67 Florida counties.

Tax season just ended, preliminary figures are in, and we have great news! For the state's **\$500,000** investment:

- **\$20+ million** in tax refunds were generated for Florida's working families
- **\$5.6 million** in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs) will come back to help low income Florida workers
- **\$1.15 million** in total state and local sales taxes are projected to be generated
- **\$1.1 million** were saved by Floridians on tax preparation assistance fees

Thank you for recognizing the extraordinary value of this appropriation to Florida's working families, their employers, and to state and local coffers.

We respectfully request that you and your Conference Appropriations Subcommittee colleagues **accept the Senate position on this important issue in line 2198A of the 2017-2018 state budget**. It will allow us to maintain the infrastructure created this year and, together with United Ways' match of \$900,000, will allow us to:

- Help more than **15,500 working families** in all **67 counties** receive more than **\$24 million in tax refunds** and more than **\$6.5 million in EITCs**; and
- Generate **\$1.2 million in state and local sales taxes**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore G. Granger".

Theodore G. Granger
President

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