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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced he will be leading an economic development mission to Chicago this week to share why businesses in Chicago should consider moving their operations to Florida.

Governor Scott said, "Over the past seven years, we have cut taxes more than 75 times in Florida, saving our taxpayers more than \$7 billion, and leading to the creation of more than 1.3 million private sector jobs. Florida's success story is in stark contrast to the anti-business policies that have overburdened Chicago families and companies for far too long. That is why I will be leading an economic development mission to Chicago to meet with site selectors and job creators and encourage them to move to and invest in Florida.

"While Governor Rauner has tried to grow Illinois' economy, Chicago leaders and state legislators have for years been passing shortsighted policies and overwhelming increases of taxes and fees. In fact, the average Chicago family today pays nearly \$1,700 more in taxes and fees every year than they paid only seven years ago. While Florida has been able to pay down \$7.6 billion in state debt and increase general revenues by more than 30 percent without raising taxes, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and city leaders announced yet another proposed round of burdensome tax and fee increases just last week. This follows the state legislature passing an increase to the state income tax earlier this summer- overriding Governor Rauner's veto and strict opposition to such a burdensome tax increase. The entire nation needs to follow Florida's lead- but until then, we will keep calling on businesses to move to Florida."

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