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The Honorable Don Gaetz  
President, The Florida Senate  
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Dear President Gaetz:

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<u>Office and Appointment</u>	<u>For Term Ending</u>
1. Florida Public Service Commission	
Appointees: Brise, Ronald A.	01/01/2018
Graham, Art	01/01/2018

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections conducted an inquiry concerning the qualifications of the appointee; however, the Committee on Ethics and Elections did not hold a public hearing for the following appointee. Therefore, the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections makes no recommendation and in accordance with s. 114.05(1)(c), Florida Statutes, respectfully submits for Senate consideration:

<u>Office and Appointment</u>	<u>For Term Ending</u>
2. Florida Transportation Commission	
Appointee: Howse, Ronald S.	09/30/2017

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Except as specifically noted above, the committees caused to be conducted an inquiry into the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the above-named appointees for appointment to the office indicated. In aid of such inquiry, the committees held a public hearing at which members of the public were invited to attend and offer evidence concerning the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the appointees. After due consideration of the findings of such inquiry and the evidence adduced at the public hearings, the Committee on Ethics and Elections and other referenced committees respectfully advise and recommend that in accordance with s. 114.05(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

- (1) the executive appointments of the above-named appointees, to the office and for the term indicated, be confirmed by the Senate;
- (2) Senate action on said appointments be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2014 Regular Session; and
- (3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointments to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jack Latvala, Chair

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