IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BOB GRAHAM; LOU FREY, JR.;
TALBOT "SANDY" D'ALEMBERTE;
JOAN RUFFIER; BOARD OF
GOVERNORS OF THE STATE
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA,
a Florida public corporation; BRUCE W.
HAUPTLI; JAMES P. JONES; HOWARD
B. ROCK; ERIC H. SHAW; MANOJ
CHOPRA and FREDERICK R. STROBEL,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

KEN PRUITT, President of the Florida Senate; and MARCO RUBIO, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, on behalf of the Florida Legislature,

Defendants.

CLERK CIRCUIT COURT

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Case No.: 2007-CA-1818

MOTION TO EXPEDITE PROCEEDINGS

Plaintiffs move the Court for the entry of an Order permitting the proceedings in this action to be expedited. As grounds for the Motion Plaintiffs would show the Court the following:

- The tuition controversy between the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida and the Legislature of Florida is a matter of great public importance with substantial fiscal consequences.
- The universities are in dire need of a stable and reliable funding source of the kind exemplified by the California Compact attached to the Complaint in this action as Exhibit "C".
- Similarly, the Legislature is in need of predictability with respect to its powers and obligations for future legislative budgets.
- 4. This controversy will in all likelihood proceed to appellate levels. The sooner both parties can traverse the necessary legal processes and obtain a conclusive declaratory judgment with regard to their respective responsibilities, the better for

students and their families, university employees and their families, as well as the citizens and taxpayers of Florida.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request expedited scheduling for this action for the benefit of all concerned.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of this Motion to Expedite Proceedings was filed with the Clerk of Court, and copies furnished to the defendants as part of the service of process.

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