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Governor Scott Visits Grimaldi Candy Company

Grimaldi Candy Company hosts Governor Scott during his "1 Million Miles for 1 Million Jobs" Bus Tour.

Brevard County, Fla (January 14, 2016) – Governor Rick Scott toured Grimaldi Candies in Rockledge today as part of his "1 Million Miles for 1 Million Jobs," bus tour across Florida. Celebrating the success of job creation and highlighting the need to cut \$1 billion in taxes, and create the Florida Enterprise Fund is the focus of the Governor's statewide tour.

"Today we are celebrating our manufacturing community; a key driver of both Florida and the Space Coast's economy. Governor Scott has paved the way for companies to grow in Florida and further diversify our economy," stated Lynda Weatherman, president & CEO, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast. "Governor Scott's leadership in prioritizing job creation through the development of a pro-business environment is commendable."

Local manufacturers investing in their business and our community endorsed the Governor's legislative priorities at today's event.

Jim Frazier, president, Grimaldi Candy Company addressed the crowd about the company's plans for growth and job creation in 2016. "Grimaldi's wants to be known as one of the top tier gourmet chocolate manufacturers in the United States; and we will reach that goal. The manufacturing sales tax elimination will allow us to increase our production capabilities and be sustainable as we go out and get new accounts." For more information about Grimaldi Candy Company visit www.Grimaldicandies.com.

Paragon Plastics endorsed Governor Scott's million dollar tax package and Enterprise Florida Fund, noting the pro-business environment created in Florida during recent years influenced them to expand their company. "We have just started building our new facility in Titusville, which is breaking ground as we speak," commented Amy Powell, administrative director. "Both the sales tax exemption and a dedicated incentive fund are definite requirements to achieve job growth in Florida."

Ken Brace, president, Rapid Prototyping Services commented, "My company saved \$42,000 which enabled me to reduce the cost of my products and services. As a result, my customers, who are also manufacturers, are saving thousands of dollars in production costs. The manufacturing sales tax exemption is working and should become a permanent exemption."

The Governor will continue his tour, with stops scheduled for Green Cove Springs, The Villages, Sarasota and Bonita Springs. For additional information on the Governor's Legislative efforts to make Florida 1st For Jobs, visit www.floridafirstbudget.com.

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