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Governor Charlie Crist
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Crist:

We thank you for your dedication to Everglades restoration. You have taken many steps to address Everglades restoration needs since you became Governor.

In particular we want to express our gratitude for your strong support of legislation expanding the Lake Okeechobee Protection Act, which you signed on June 28. This legislation takes a number of steps to restore the northern Everglades, including the Lake Okeechobee watershed and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and estuaries. The legislation provides for planning to protect and improve the quality, quantity, timing and distribution of water north of Lake Okeechobee.

We look forward to working with you and your administration to preserve the wonderful Everglades ecosystem for generations to come.

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

Sincerely,

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