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Senator Burt L. Saunders
The Florida Senate
3301 E. Tamiami Trail
Administration Building, Suite 304
Naples, FL 34112-4902

Dear Senator Saunders:

Thank you for sponsoring and guiding to passage the legislation expanding the Lake Okeechobee Protection Act, which was recently signed into law by Governor Crist.

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 believe this legislation is a great step forward and we look forward to continuing to work with you to restore the magnificent Everglades.

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

Sincerely,

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