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September 6, 2007

Senator Harry Reid, Majority Leader
S-221 US Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader
S-230 US Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Reid and McConnell:

We respectfully ask that the pending Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) conference report be scheduled for Senate consideration at the earliest possible date.

The organizations represented on this letter strongly support the restoration of America's Everglades. The pending Water Resources Development Act conference report includes the first major projects that have been formulated under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), Indian River Lagoon and Picayune Strand. It is vital that work begin on these projects at the earliest possible date.

We deeply appreciate your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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