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United States Senator Bill Nelson  
United States Senate  
716 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

We want to thank you for the leading role you played in getting very good language on the Mod Waters and Tamiami Trail projects included in Conference Report Statement of Managers on the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. We appreciate the fact that you discussed this issue personally with Chairwoman Boxer.

The language provides guidelines for completing the Mod Waters project at long last. It also calls on the Corps to concurrently plan the Tamiami Trail project to restore natural flows and connectivity through the Park and to Florida Bay in a manner which will not conflict with the Mod Waters project.

We also want to express our appreciation for the work of Ms. Susie Perez Quinn of your staff. She worked very closely with us and kept us full informed as the process moved forward.

Again, thank you for your leadership in this very important issue and for your strong support for the WRDA legislation which means so much to the Everglades.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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