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February 9, 2007

United States Senator Mel Martinez  
United States Senate  
317 Senate Hart Office Building  
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Dear Senator Martinez:

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 353 to authorize the Indian River Lagoon-South and the Picayune Strand projects that are the first major projects in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. While we are hopeful that Water Resources Development legislation that includes these two projects and meaningful Corps of Engineers reform will be enacted soon, we also recognize that we may need to seek passage of your legislation if the WRDA bill again stalls.

Your willingness to sponsor Senate Bill 353 shows your commitment both to making the implementation of these long-delayed projects a reality and to moving ahead with the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

Again, we appreciate your stepping forward with this legislation, and we look forward to working with you on authorization of these vital projects and in moving ahead with all aspects of restoring America's Everglades.

Sincerely,

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