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August 24, 2007

United States Senator Mel Martinez
United States Senate
317 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Water Resources Development Act of 2007

Dear Senator Martinez,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we would like to express our gratitude for your recent visit to the Indian River Lagoon, and your strong commitment to ensuring Everglades Restoration is a national priority. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 is critical to get restoration back on track in Florida, and your vow to ensure its passage is significant.

This water resources bill, delayed over three regular cycles, contains crucial Everglades restoration projects that will help reinvigorate the most ambitious restoration efforts ever undertaken in the world, that will protect one of our nation's most unique and threatened national parks. It would reverse effects from harmful federal drainage projects, restore more than 150,000 acres of wetlands, and help support Florida's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

Thank you for your leadership in ensuring the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 becomes law. We look forward to working together to ensure Everglades restoration is successful.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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