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The Honorable John Mica  
Ranking Republican Member  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2313 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Mica:

Thank you for the excellent letter you and Representative Baker sent to the President citing the reasons he should sign the pending Water Resources Development legislation into law.

The organizations signing this letter are all dedicated to the restoration of America's Everglades.

As you know, and have stated before on so many occasions, this legislation is crucial to the Everglades. It authorizes the first major Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects, Indian River Lagoon, Picayune Strand, and the Site One Impoundment. The implementation of CERP is long overdue and it is critical that these projects be authorized for federal funding.

We applaud your leadership in steering the WRDA bill through your committee and to such a resounding vote of approval by the House. We are most grateful for your recognizing the importance of this legislation to America's Everglades.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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