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Mr. Terry Breyman, Associate Director for Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Breyman:

We appreciate the support Chairman Connaughton has shown for Everglades restoration. We want to thank you for convening the recent stakeholder conference calls to discuss current options for completing the Modified Water Deliveries Project and moving forward with modifications to Tamiami Trail. The restoration of historic, natural, unimpeded water flow through the Everglades and Florida Bay is long overdue and is of critical and urgent importance.

Our main objectives include:

- Inclusion of a Congressional deadline of July 1, 2008, in the Water Resources Development legislation for the submission of a report to Congress on a project to bridge Tamiami Trail,
- Evaluation of additional bridging, and
- Evaluation a northern alignment along the levee.

We look forward to participating in this process as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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