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September 6, 2007

Senator Barbara Boxer, Chairman
Senator James M. Inhofe, Ranking Minority Member
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Senate Dirksen Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Boxer and Senator Inhofe:

We deeply appreciate your securing the Committee's approval and Senate passage of the pending Water Resources Development Act legislation.

The organizations represented on this letter strongly support the restoration of America's Everglades. The pending Water Resources Development Act conference report includes the first major projects that have been formulated under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), Indian River Lagoon and Picayune Strand. It is vital that work begin on these projects at the earliest possible date.

We have written the enclosed letter to the Senate leadership asking that the WRDA conference report be scheduled for Senator action at the earliest possible time.

Again, we thank you for your efforts to secure enactment of the WRDA legislation.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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