

1000 FRIENDS OF FLORIDA

AUDUBON

AUDUBON OF FLORIDA

COLLIER COUNTY AUDUBON

**CONSERVANCY OF
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

EVERGLADES COALITION

EVERGLADES FOUNDATION

EVERGLADES LAW CENTER

EVERGLADES TRUST

FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

**NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION
ASSOCIATION**

**SANIBEL CAPTIVA CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION**

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

November 26, 2007

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
United States House of Representatives
2160 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen:

We wish to thank you for voting to override the President's veto of the Water Resources Development legislation. Enactment of that legislation authorized the first projects of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)---Indian River Lagoon, Picayune Strand and the Site One Impoundment projects.

The authorization of these projects is a great step forward for restoring America's Everglades.

We appreciate your willingness to support the WRDA legislation, and we look forward to working with you to provide funding to implement these and other Everglades restoration projects.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

Charles G. Pattison, AICP
Executive Director
1000 Friends of Florida

Alan Keller, President
Collier County Audubon Society

April Gromnicki, Esq.
Director, Ecosystem Restoration
Audubon

Jennifer Hecker
Natural Resource Policy Manager
Conservancy of Southwest Florida

David E. Anderson, Executive Director
Audubon of Florida

Mark D. Perry
Co-Chair, Everglades Coalition

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
November 26, 2007
Page 2 of 2

Mary Barley, President
Everglades Foundation

Richard Grosso,
Executive Director/General Counsel
Everglades Law Center

E. Thom Rumberger, Chairman
Everglades Trust

Mark D. Perry
Executive Director
Florida Oceanographic Society

John Adornato
Director, Sun Coast Region
National Parks Conservation Association

Rae Ann Wessel
Natural Resource Policy Director
Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation

Debra Harrison
Director, South Florida Program
World Wildlife Fund