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United States Senator Bill Nelson  
United States Senate  
716 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

We applaud your intention to hold hearings into the recommendation by a Department of the Interior official to remove the Everglades from the United Nations World Heritage Committee list of endangered natural systems. According to the *St. Petersburg Times*, the official took this action “despite findings by the National Park Service and the committee’s science advisors that the Everglades had not yet met the requirements for being taken off the list.”

We agree with you that the UN’s action can create a false impression that the Everglades is no longer endangered at a time when the opposite is true.

We appreciate your efforts on behalf of restoring America’s Everglades. We look forward to working with you on the many critical issues facing the Everglades.  
Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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