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The Honorable Michael Bilirakis
United States House of Representatives
1630 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bilirakis:

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.)

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