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President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are very concerned about recent press reports that a Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Department of the Interior ignored the advice of World Heritage Committee's science advisors and the National Park Service and endorsed the removal of the Everglades from the United Nations list of endangered natural systems.

When the Everglades was removed from the UN list, we believe that the impression was created that Everglades restoration was essentially completed. Those of us who work on Everglades restoration, whether in government or in the private sector, know that this is not the case. We have much critical work to do and very little time to do it.

We respectfully ask you to have the appropriate officials investigate the circumstances for this untimely and unwise action by this Interior Department official. We urge that proper measures be taken to address that action and to advise the UN that the recommendations it received from that official were improper.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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