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June 27, 2008

Eric Buermann  
Chairman, SFWMD Governing Board  
c/o Squire Sanders  
200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 4000  
Miami, FL 33131

Dear Chairman Buermann:

We wish to thank you and the board members and staff of the South Florida Water Management District for the role the District has played to make the purchase of vast acreage in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) possible. As the Governor stated, the acquisition of this land is the missing link to true Everglades restoration.

The District has shown a new sense of leadership to make possible what once seemed out of our reach. Many of us have dreamed for years of using substantial parts of the EAA for restoring America's Everglades. We now have that potential.

Mr. Chairman, we look forward to working with the South Florida Water Management District to at last make Everglades restoration a reality.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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