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March 19, 2009

The Honorable Alcee Hastings
United States House of Representatives
2353 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Hastings:

We deeply appreciate your support for passage of the omnibus appropriations legislation for FY 2009. We realize there were many difficult issues involved in the approval of this vital bill.

We thank you for supporting the Everglades funding in this legislation.

Many challenges lie ahead, and we look forward to working with you and your excellent staff in the future.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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