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February 11, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We appreciate the support you have expressed for Everglades restoration and your appreciation that America's Everglades is a true national treasure.

As you prepare your FY 2010 budget, we ask that you include funding that is necessary to keep the Everglades on the road to recovery. We cannot afford delay. Indeed delay is the worst enemy of the Everglades.

It is necessary for the Federal government to step up its contributions to the unique Federal/State partnership that is envisioned in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). We believe that the funding we recommend below will help to move Everglades restoration forward.

Recommended for FY 2010 Budget

Interior/National Park Service-- Modified Waters Delivery---\$80 million
Interior/ Fish & Wildlife Service—Exotic Species removal—Loxahatchee \$2 million
Interior/Fish and Wildlife Service—Water Quality Monitoring—Loxahatchee \$1 million
Interior/National Park Service—Python Control---\$1 million
Interior/National Park Service—Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Initiative--\$4 million
Interior/National Park Service—South Florida Restoration Task Force--\$0.5 million

Army Corps—Kissimmee River Restoration --\$41 million
C-51/STA 1-E (wetlands creation)--\$16 million
C-111 South Dade (restores flow to Florida Bay)--\$20 million
CERP—Indian River Lagoon South--\$75 million
CERP—Picayune Strand--\$56 million
CERP—Site 1 Impoundment--\$27 million
CERP—C-43 Reservoir--\$10 million
CERP—Ten Mile Creek--\$10 million

Mr. President, we are looking to you for leadership in re-invigorating the Federal effort to restore this truly unique ecosystem. The Everglades is both an environmental and

economic treasure that we must preserve for future generations. We look forward to working with you on Everglades restoration issues.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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