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March 19, 2009

United States Senator Bill Nelson
United States Senate
716 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

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

We thank you for supporting the Everglades funding in this legislation. We are fortunate to have you as a true champion for Everglades restoration.

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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