



Everglades Coalition

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Audubon of Florida
Audubon Society of the Everglades
Audubon of Southwest Florida
Caloosahatchee River Citizens
Association
Clean Water Action
Clean Water Network
Collier County Audubon Society
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Defenders of Wildlife
Ding Darling Wildlife Society
Earthjustice
Environment Florida
The Environmental Coalition
Everglades Coordinating Council
Everglades Foundation
Everglades Law Center
Florida Defenders of the Environment
Florida Keys Environmental Fund
Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Oceanographic Society
Florida Sierra Club
Florida Wildlife Federation
Friends of Arthur R. Marshall
Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge
Friends of the Everglades
Hendry Glades Audubon Society
Izaak Walton League
Florida Keys Chapter
Florida Division
Izaak Walton League of America
Mangrove Chapter
Last Stand
League of Women
Voters of Florida
Loxahatchee River Coalition
Martin County
Conservation Alliance
National Audubon Society
National Parks
Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge
Association
Natural Resources
Defense Council
The Ocean Conservancy
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Sierra Club
Sierra Club Broward Group
Sierra Club Central Florida Group
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
Sierra Club Miami Group
South Florida Audubon Society
Tropical Audubon Society
The Urban Environment League
World Wildlife Fund

May 24, 2011

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Chair
The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
184 Dirksen Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Feinstein and Senator Alexander:

On behalf of the 53 organizations of the Everglades Coalition and our more than 6 million members nationwide, we write to urge your continued support for restoration of America's Everglades. We are grateful that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies has helped create the recent wave of momentum and progress for Everglades restoration. As you consider the Energy and Water appropriations bill for FY 2012, we urge you to provide funding at the level of the President's budget request of \$168 million for Everglades restoration. This request will allow progress to continue on projects that are vital to the preservation of this great economic and environmental national treasure which supplies drinking water to six million Floridians.

The Greater Everglades Ecosystem is home to some of America's greatest treasures including two National Parks, one National Preserve and 13 National Wildlife Refuges. The restoration efforts now well underway will preserve and enhance this natural and economic marvel for generations to come. The request for \$163 million in construction funds and \$5 million for operations and maintenance for restoration projects will support thousands of badly needed jobs.

As the appropriations process advances, we ask you to remember that as the National Academy of Sciences has found, for the Everglades, to do nothing is in fact to do harm.

We appreciate your continued support and consideration of our request to sustain this monumental restoration effort and fulfill our promise to future generations.

Sincerely,

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