June 29, 2007

Office of Governor Charlie Crist
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist,

The Everglades Coalition, the Everglades Foundation and the Everglades Trust commend your Administration for its actions to protect the integrity of the Broward County Water Preserve Area. The Department of Community Affairs and the South Florida Water Management District have acted responsibly to protect this important public works project from the development of roads and other infrastructure. This project was identified over a decade ago as a critical part of restoring America's Everglades and securing the region's water supply. Since then the project has been endorsed by our member organizations, the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, the Governor's Commission for the Everglades, the Florida Legislature, two previous governors, two Presidents and the United States Congress.

It is regrettable that the City of Weston faces a school siting dilemma, and did not consider these issues in its comprehensive planning efforts over the years. We are very hopeful that the City and the Broward County School Board will find a solution that works for the families of Weston and that does not threaten America's Everglades.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Everglades restoration.

Sincerely,

Drew Martin    Mark Perry
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