Dear Congressman Clawson:

On behalf of the 57 organizations of the Everglades Coalition committed to the full protection and restoration of America’s Everglades, we wish to convey our appreciation of your recent efforts to support the Everglades in H.R. 2822.

The Everglades Coalition would like to sincerely thank you for introducing two amendments to increase funding for US Fish and Wildlife resource management and to the National Park Service for Everglades National Park. Your efforts are very much appreciated to bring much-needed additional resources to these agencies for the protection of our water and land here in Florida.

We understand the need to be fiscally neutral. We do hope in future instances that such resources can be obtained without negatively impacting EPA’s budget, which also directly benefits the Everglades in supporting the restoration of water quality throughout the Greater Everglades system. Since Everglades restoration requires investment in improvements to both water quality and restoration of flows, as well as land management, increasing financial support on all fronts to all the federal agencies involves (USFWS, NPS, EPA) is necessary if we are to be successful in our restoration efforts.

The Everglades Coalition greatly appreciates your leadership in supporting the protection and restoration of the Everglades and our precious water resources in Florida. We commend your efforts and look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff towards our shared goal of restoring America’s Everglades now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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