



# Everglades Coalition

July XX, 2019

The Honorable NAME  
U.S. House of Representatives  
OFFICE ADDRESS  
CITY STATE ZIP

Re: Leadership for America's Everglades

Dear NAME:

On behalf of the Everglades Coalition – an alliance of 62 local, state, and national conservation and environmental organizations dedicated to the health of the Greater Everglades ecosystem – **thank you for your leadership and investment in America's Everglades in FY20.**

Our community is deeply appreciative of FY20 funding levels of \$200M for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program. This amount is the minimum annual investment needed to restore the Everglades, reduce polluted water discharges from Lake Okeechobee to Florida's coastal waterways, and help ensure clean drinking water for over eight million Floridians.

**Everglades restoration is a uniquely non-partisan issue.** Support for clean water and our environment unites Floridians. We appreciate the significant bipartisan efforts of our national leaders to prioritize restoration funding. All 27 members of Florida's Congressional Delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives, along with Senators Rubio and Scott, were steadfast in asking President Trump for strong funding to complete projects that will help solve Florida's ongoing water crisis and restore the Everglades.

We have a national responsibility to protect America's Everglades for future generations, and the Army Corps plays a lead role in fulfilling restoration goals. \$200M in FY20 will fund significant planning and construction efforts to advance restoration this year. However, consistent funding is necessary to achieve long-term success of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program. As you work to develop the FY21 budget, we respectfully ask that the federal government maintain \$200M as the minimum investment necessary to protect and restore the Everglades, with the understanding that decades of significant investment will be needed to ensure the long-term health of America's Everglades and Florida's water quality and supply.

*Committed to full protection and restoration of America's Everglades*

1000 Friends of Florida  
Arthur R. Marshall Foundation  
Audubon Florida  
Audubon of Southwest Florida  
Audubon of the Western Everglades  
Audubon Society of the Everglades  
Backcountry Fly Fishers of Naples  
Calusa Waterkeeper  
Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Conservancy of Southwest Florida  
Defenders of Wildlife  
"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society  
Earthjustice  
Environment Florida  
Everglades Foundation  
Everglades Law Center  
Everglades Trust  
Florida Bay Forever  
Florida Conservation Voters Education Fund  
Florida Defenders of the Environment  
Florida Keys Environmental Fund  
Florida Native Plant Society  
Florida Oceanographic Society  
Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall  
Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge  
Friends of the Everglades  
Hendry-Glades Audubon Society  
International Dark-Sky Association,  
FL Chapter  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Izaak Walton League Florida Division  
Izaak Walton League Florida Keys Chapter  
Izaak Walton League Mangrove Chapter  
Lake Worth Waterkeeper  
Last Stand  
League of Women Voters of Florida  
Martin County Conservation Alliance  
Miami Pine Rocklands Coalition  
Miami Waterkeeper  
National Audubon Society  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Refuge Association  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
North Carolina Outward Bound School  
Ocean Research & Conservation Association  
Peace River Audubon Society  
Reef Relief  
Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Club Florida Chapter  
Sierra Club Broward Group  
Sierra Club Calusa Group  
Sierra Club Central Florida Group  
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group  
Sierra Club Miami Group  
Snook and Gamefish Foundation  
South Florida Audubon Society  
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy  
The Florida Wildlife Federation  
The Institute for Regional Conservation  
The National Wildlife Federation  
The Urban Environment League of  
Greater Miami  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation  
Partnership  
Tropical Audubon Society

We greatly appreciate your continued support and commitment to Everglades restoration as we move forward with this monumental restoration effort. Please consider the Everglades Coalition as a partner and resource to you as we continue to achieve our shared goals for the ecosystem.

Sincerely,



Mark Perry  
Co-Chair



Marisa Carrozzo  
Co-Chair

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