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Chairman Bill Shuster
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Shuster:

In the Water Resources Development Act of 2018, I will propose two provisions to authorize changes to the Central Everglades Project and Kissimmee River Restoration, and I ask for your support. Both the Central Everglades Project and Kissimmee River Restoration are currently the subject of Army Corps of Engineers Post Authorization Change Reports that will likely not be finalized until after the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee markup of the Water Resources Development Act. My provisions will authorize the changes recommended in those reports in advance of finalized reports because the completion of these projects is the highest legislative priority of my district.

I hope that you will support my effort to include these provisions as placeholders in the committee bill until the Army Corps finalizes the Post Authorization Change Reports later this year. Doing so will avoid an unnecessary two-year delay in authorization inherent in waiting for the next opportunity in the Water Resources Development Act of 2020.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast
Member of Congress