Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nita Lowey Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur Chairwoman House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water 2362-B Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1016 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Simpson Ranking Member House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water 2362-B Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Lowey, Ranking Member Granger, Chairwoman Kaptur, and Ranking Member Simpson:

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration is the annual line-item in the Energy and Water Appropriations Act that is critically important to funding the multi-decade and intricate series of overlapping project features necessary to achieve the national priority of Everglades restoration. As you know, on May 13, the President submitted a budget amendment to the Corps of Engineers Construction request for a total funding level of \$200 million for South Florida Ecosystem Restoration. We urge the committee to allocate the \$200 million requested by the President for South Florida Ecosystem Restoration during full committee markup of the Energy and Water Appropriations Act.

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