



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

May 9, 2019

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Energy and Water Development and
Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: Funding for the Restoration of America's Everglades

Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson,

On behalf of the 8.7 million Americans we represent, we are asking for your support for the highest possible funding for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration line item and for \$200 million for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Account in the 2019-2020 budget. This funding supports the restoration of America's Everglades.

There is strong bipartisan support for restoring America's Everglades, and this world-renowned ecosystem depends on a sustained \$200 million in annual federal funding for restoration. The federal-state partnership to restore America's Everglades was agreed to nearly two decades ago and is critical to protecting this unique national treasure and the state's water resources for millions of residents and visitors. Unfortunately, federal funding of the cost-share for these critical restoration projects has not kept pace with the state's contributions, but we are hopeful that your support of Everglades restoration funding will make a difference.

Enhanced federal funding complementing years of state funding will accelerate the design and construction of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) and the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir to divert and clean Lake Okeechobee releases and increase water deliveries to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay. These funds will also advance important water storage and treatment infrastructure planned for the Caloosahatchee (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir and Indian River Lagoon-South projects that will further reduce the frequency and intensity of harmful algal bloom by enhancing coastal water quality.

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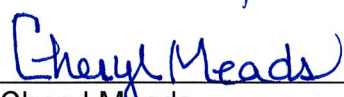
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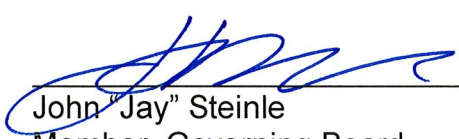
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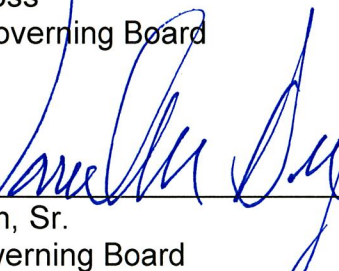
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