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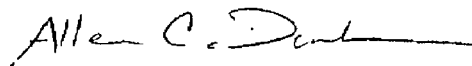
Dear SFWMD Board Members,

I'm sure you get more letters regarding the Everglades restoration hopes and plans than you can digest. But I beg you please read mine. Just a page. I'm a Taoist and believe simple is best.

Simple in this case is as follows: The Everglades of south Florida is a one-of-a-kind ecosystem in the *entire world*. It has been altered and teeters on ruination by past human intervention. That intervention has led to unprecedented decay in environmentally and economically important areas spreading east, west, and south in the bottom half of our state. It's a proven fact around the world now, that to save any vitally important areas for environmental *and/or* economic reasons, actions must be taken that restore what nature created in the first place.

That's it. Won't bore you with economic impacts of not saving the southern half of the state. Won't cry out about the rich environment to be further lost. Won't make threats. Won't whine. Just asking that your soul and sensibility speak to you and cause you to vote to go ahead with the well thought out plans already in place for working towards restoring the natural Everglades water flow to grab our last chance to save a huge, one-of-a-kind ecosystem that will have incredibly far reaching effects for the entire bottom half of Florida. Please vote to move forward with the plans to buy out US Sugar lands. Those who oppose have only nearsighted or self wallet-stuffing reasons that do not consider the greater good.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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CC: Emailed all others who had email addresses

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**Dear Glen J Waldman,**

**When it comes time to vote this Thursday, March 11, on whether or not to proceed with the purchase of U.S. Sugar lands for the benefit of South Florida and the Everglades, I urge you to vote 'yes' and let the project move ahead for the good of the region's people, environment, and economy. This land deal, once complete, will be the single biggest achievement in the struggle to improve South Florida's water quality. It is the best and most cost-effective option available to ensure Florida's water and economic security – our tourist, boating, and fishing industries and all that depend on them – and our wonderful way of life.**

**You are the water management district, and we the taxpayers are depending on you to properly manage our water. Moving this purchase forward is the proper way to responsibly manage our water problems. As a taxpayer, I want you to vote to move this deal forward and see it to completion as expeditiously as possible.**

**Yours truly,**

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**Subject:** Buy Out Sugar --

I want you to do the sugar deal, NOW, that includes you Mr. Dauray who I know from the Isaac Walton League, I am a fellow Republican. I have been disappointed in many of your votes on the District. Just as President Nixon supported bold environmental initiatives (National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Creating the EPA in 1970, Clean Air Act Extension of 1970, Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, Etc.) I would hope you, Mr. Dauray, also would be a forward thinking Republican as well and save the Everglades instead of just putting band-aids on it. We have enough hacks, you were appointed to be a big-thinker, a mover, a shaker. We need to look at the large picture not focus on the minutiae of daily living (loss of jobs in Clewiston for instance. Although a possibility, it is not what you should be doing, it is not your challenge). Bold moves are needed and you must be bold! All of you. Like my hero on the Everglades, Governor Crist.

I thought this article below was interesting....and thought it might be helpful for all your votes on Thursday. Anyway, I hope you all brave the tide and turn around the environment in Florida that has been shortchanged all these years.

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Gov. Charlie Crist deserves praise for taking a bold step for the Everglades. Are the terms to buyout US Sugar - now, only part of the original lands-- as favorable as they could have been to the public? Did those terms take into account the time release economic depression Florida is mired in? No. But Crist is hardly alone in believing we had to pay the going price because the revival of sprawl is just around the corner.

I strongly disagree that this is "a deal done backwards", as described to The Herald by the Fanjuls spokesperson. The Fanjuls have and will object to every single measure that impinges on their property rights to extract maximum value from lands they own that are critical to Everglades restoration. They will use every opportunity, and have, to rezone their lands in the Everglades: for rock mines that aren't needed, for inland ports that aren't needed, and for suburban sprawl and electric utility plants that aren't needed. They aren't needed but these rezonings drive up the value of their lands to the public. In this way, the Everglades are a clear example of socializing risk and privatizing profit.

Cantens tells The Herald: "It's not driven by science. It's not driven by need... It was driven by one person's

political ambition and one company's necessities." In fact, it is the Fanjuls and the Miccosuckee Tribe who are driving the push to kill the US Sugar deal. The Fanjuls are also supporting Marco Rubio for US Senate, and drive a deeper stake into the heart of Everglades restoration.

Friends of the Everglades, the organization for which I am conservation chair, supports the acquisition of US Sugar lands and more: the acquisition of whatever lands owned by its competitor, Fanjul family sugar interests, to make sensible connections (called "a romantic adherence" in the Times) between Lake Okeechobee to the north and public lands to the south.

Moreover, I have great respect for a governor who would wade into the swamp and not be opportunistic at its edge like his predecessor with the plan for Scripps in wetlands, for Ave Maria College in wetlands and turning water pipes everywhere into spigots for campaign contributions. - Alan Farago