



# Everglades Coalition

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Arthur R. Marshall Foundation  
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Audubon Society of the Everglades  
Audubon of Southwest Florida  
Caloosahatchee River Citizens  
Association  
Clean Water Action  
Clean Water Network  
Collier County Audubon Society  
Conservancy of Southwest Florida  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Ding Darling Wildlife Society  
Earthjustice  
Environment Florida  
The Environmental Coalition  
Everglades Coordinating Council  
Everglades Foundation  
Everglades Law Center  
Florida Defenders of the Environment  
Florida Keys Environmental Fund  
Florida Native Plant Society  
Florida Oceanographic Society  
Florida Sierra Club  
Florida Wildlife Federation  
Friends of Arthur R. Marshall  
Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge  
Friends of the Everglades  
Hendry Glades Audubon Society  
Izaak Walton League  
Florida Keys Chapter  
Florida Division  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Mangrove Chapter  
Last Stand  
League of Women  
Voters of Florida  
Loxahatchee River Coalition  
Martin County  
Conservation Alliance  
National Audubon Society  
National Parks  
Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
National Wildlife Refuge  
Association  
Natural Resources  
Defense Council  
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The Pegasus Foundation  
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Conservation Foundation  
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Sierra Club Broward Group  
Sierra Club Central Florida Group  
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group  
Sierra Club Miami Group  
South Florida Audubon Society  
Tropical Audubon Society  
The Urban Environment League  
World Wildlife Fund

May 24, 2011

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Chair  
The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  
184 Dirksen Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Feinstein and Senator Alexander:

On behalf of the 53 organizations of the Everglades Coalition and our more than 6 million members nationwide, we write to urge your continued support for restoration of America's Everglades. We are grateful that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies has helped create the recent wave of momentum and progress for Everglades restoration. As you consider the Energy and Water appropriations bill for FY 2012, we urge you to provide funding at the level of the President's budget request of \$168 million for Everglades restoration. This request will allow progress to continue on projects that are vital to the preservation of this great economic and environmental national treasure which supplies drinking water to six million Floridians.

The Greater Everglades Ecosystem is home to some of America's greatest treasures including two National Parks, one National Preserve and 13 National Wildlife Refuges. The restoration efforts now well underway will preserve and enhance this natural and economic marvel for generations to come. The request for \$163 million in construction funds and \$5 million for operations and maintenance for restoration projects will support thousands of badly needed jobs.

As the appropriations process advances, we ask you to remember that as the National Academy of Sciences has found, for the Everglades, to do nothing is in fact to do harm.

We appreciate your continued support and consideration of our request to sustain this monumental restoration effort and fulfill our promise to future generations.

Sincerely,

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