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December 15, 2008

Eric Buermann
Chairman
SFWMD Governing Board, 2122
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

Dear Chairman Buermann:

On Tuesday, you are scheduled to vote to acquire a vast amount of acreage in the Everglades Agricultural Area. This acquisition has the potential to significantly improve our chances of restoring the Everglades.

We recognize that the proposal before you does have room for improvement. Were each of us given the opportunity to make changes, we would surely find ways to make the transaction more favorable in our view. However, the time for action is upon us, and the question you face is whether to buy land in an area that is critical for Everglades restoration.

If the purchase of this land is not approved, there is no assurance we will ever again have this opportunity.

We respectfully ask you to support the purchase of this acreage without additional delay.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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