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The Honorable Eric Buermann  
South Florida Water Management District  
Governing Board  
3301 Gun Club Rd.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

Re: Vote regarding Extension of U.S. Sugar Lands Acquisition Contract

Dear Mr. Buermann:

Thursday you have the opportunity to protect the economic viability of the entire Southern Florida region by voting to extend the existing contract to purchase a portion of U.S. Sugar lands. The restoration of this historic flow way through the Everglades is the only viable solution to protecting our waters and estuaries.

Every citizen and property owner of our region, including those who oppose this investment, will reap the irrefutable benefits of your act. In addition to moving the acquisition forward, it is critical that those who oppose the acquisition be persuaded of the benefit of the project to their own interest.

If the flow way is not restored, it is only a matter of when devastation to coastal waters will occur. Failure to restore the flow way through the Everglades is a death sentence to our estuaries, our economy and our environment.

Sincerely,

Councilman Peter Pappas  
Sanibel City Council

Cc: Sanibel City Council  
Judith A. Zimomra, City Manager  
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