



RESTORING AMERICA'S EVERGLADES

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President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

Over the past year, the undersigned sportfishing, boating and outdoor organizations dedicated to restoring America's Everglades have written to you supporting the needed federal funding to get Everglades restoration on track for completion by 2030, as originally planned. As headlines across the globe demonstrated on January 19th, the historic federal investment of \$1.1 billion dollars signals our country's intent to do just that. As a historically bipartisan issue, it is fitting that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was the vehicle to provide the largest tranche of federal funding in Everglades history.

We write today to thank you for this critical financial investment and the symbolic action that demonstrates your administration's commitment to restoring America's Everglades. The Everglades supports drinking water security for millions, unparalleled carbon sequestration, ecosystem resilience, and is the foundation of communities and economies. Also, it importantly supports the clean waters and abundant fisheries and wildlife that are the foundation for Florida's \$33 billion outdoor recreation economy. This significant economic driver, driven by fishing, boating, hunting and other outdoor activities, is important to the interests and success of our organizations and industries both in the state and nationally.

As we celebrate the current investment, we also know that much more work lies ahead. Toward that end, we look forward to celebrating future impactful funding that keeps our country on track to restore America's Everglades.

Sincerely,



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