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August 17, 2009

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)  
108 Army Pentagon  
Room 3E446  
Washington, D.C. 20310-0108

Dear Ms. Darcy:

We congratulate you on assuming the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

Some of us have had the pleasure of working with you in the past, dating as far back as WRDA 2000. We appreciate your role in getting the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) authorized in that groundbreaking piece of legislation. We also recognize that you have a thorough understanding of the importance of restoring America's Everglades.

Your assuming this critical position is very timely, since we are nearing the implementation phase of a number of key Everglades projects.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

(Signatures waived in order to expedite delivery.)

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