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Dear Senator Negron:

On behalf of the Rivers Coalition, I am writing to thank our Florida Legislation and you, personally, for your support and proactive funding acquisition for Everglades restoration. As you know, the Rivers Coalition formed in 1998 as a result of the economic and environmental catastrophe to the Treasure Coast caused by the damaging discharges from Lake Okeechobee. We now represent about 300,000 individuals through over 60 member organizations.

The health of the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon is critical to our long term sustainability as they are the engine that drives the economy. These ecosystems are among the most unique on the planet and must be protected. Your proven commitment to Everglades restoration and the health of our rivers is very much appreciated and your continued support vital if we are to accomplish our mutual goals; to restore the health of America's Everglades and to stop the damaging discharges from Lake Okeechobee into our rivers.

The Rivers Coalition thanks you for a job well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Leon'.

Leon Abood, Chairman
Rivers Coalition

CC: Governor Rick Scott