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Senator Mel Martinez
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Martinez,

On behalf of the Rivers Coalition, representing 49 concerned organizations, I urgently request that you ask President Bush not to veto the Water Resources bill (WRDA) after its expected passage in the Senate. As General Chairman of the Republican National Party, we believe that your strong support for WRDA as you expressed here in Stuart last month, will have significant influence.

Our organization, comprised of some 250,000 members, strongly supports WRDA with its Indian River Plan that will lessen the regionally based pollution which has severely degraded the estuarine system. We believe that the IRL Plan is the long awaited light at the end of the tunnel.

The St. Lucie River is the lifeblood of our region and a healthy environment is vital for our long term economic sustainability.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and help.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leon Abood', is written over a white rectangular background.

Leon Abood, Chairman
Rivers Coalition.