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Dear Governor Crist,

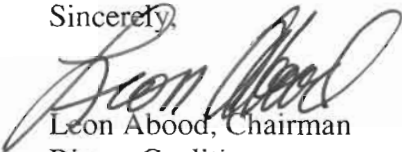
On Behalf of the Rivers Coalition, I would like to thank you for your perseverance in purchasing the U.S. Sugar property south of Lake Okeechobee. The restoration of the health of the Everglades depends on that acquisition.

The Rivers Coalition fully supports your efforts. Creating a flow-way and storage to the south will give our precious St. Lucie Estuary the relief it desperately needs from the damaging lake discharges.

If I personally can do anything to help you, it would be my pleasure.

Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,



Leon Abood, Chairman
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