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Dear Governor Crist and the Governing Board of the SFWMD,

On behalf of the Rivers Coalition, I would like to personally thank you for your vision, and all your efforts involving the State's acquisition of the U.S. Sugar lands.

Having this bold and historic proposal unfold from conception to approval speaks volumes for your commitment to restoring the health of the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, and especially our St. Lucie Estuary.

If we can ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leon Abood', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Leon Abood, Chairman
Rivers Coalition

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