

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 1, 2018

The Honorable Mick Mulvaney  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Mulvaney:

It is our understanding that the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works has transmitted a favorable U.S. Army Corps of Engineers analysis of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Post-Authorization Change Report (PACR) to your office for review. We urge you to dedicate all necessary resources to ensure a timely decision that allows the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to include this critical project in the 2018 Water Resources and Development Act.

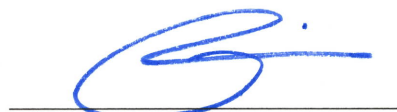
The PACR aims to enhance the storage and water quality treatment capacity of the CEPP by implementing the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan's (CERP) long-proposed Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir along with necessary water conveyance improvements. According to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the recommended plan would increase the authorized water flow volumes under CEPP by 76%, greatly benefitting Everglades National Park and Florida Bay, especially during the dry season. Construction of the proposed EAA Storage Reservoir and associated water conveyance and treatment features would also enable dramatic reductions in damaging discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the Indian River Lagoon and the Caloosahatchee Estuary.

We strongly support the SFWMD's recommended plan and request your assistance to ensure a timely review of the CEPP PACR through your office. An enhanced CEPP is key to implementing the nearly two-decade-old roadmap for Everglades restoration, and we adamantly believe that the administration's support would serve as an important milestone for the President's legacy in Florida. At your convenience, we also welcome you to visit the Everglades to better appreciate the full impact of restoration efforts on South Florida's economy and environment, and the vital federal-state partnership at the heart of these efforts. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

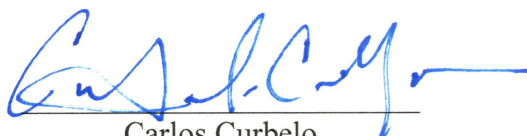
Sincerely,



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