

May 19, 2014

**The Honorable Bill Shuster, Chairman
The Honorable Nick Rahall, Ranking Minority Member
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
By Fax to Beth Spivey Beth.Spivey@mail.house.gov**

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Minority Member Rahall:

We appreciate your efforts to get the WRRDA Conference Report ready for passage in the very new future.

This WRRDA Conference Report contains projects that are critical to Everglades restoration and the entire nation. The Everglades, just a very few years ago, commissioned a study that showed that, for every dollar spent on Everglades restoration, four dollars went to the general economy.

Especially we strongly endorse your intention to get the WRRDA on a two year cycle again. A major Everglades project, the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP), narrowly missed this WRRDA, but it should not be long before the CEPP Chief's Report will be completed. Therefore, a two year cycle for WRRDA is critically important to Everglades restoration.

**We thank you again for your efforts.
Sincerely,**

**Mary Barley, Chair
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