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The Honorable Maria G. Marino
Mayor
Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners
301 N. Olive Avenue, Suite 1201
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Mayor Marino,

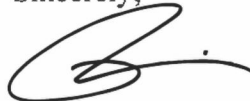
As you know, Phillips and Jordan has proposed an 8,000-acre project to the South Florida Water Management District called the Southland Water Resource Project that is under consideration for your approval.

The federal government has invested billions of dollars into the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir and other Everglades restoration infrastructure that could be put at risk by this project. As a result, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently conducting an analysis to ensure that the Southland project will not jeopardize progress on Everglades restoration or risk the health and safety of the community.

I am writing to urge you to delay a decision on approval of this project until after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has conducted their analysis to ensure that this project will not interfere with federally authorized restoration initiatives, waste taxpayer dollars or put lives at risk.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter prior to the scheduled vote. If you have any questions, please contact Ross Dietrich in my office at ross.dietrich@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast
Member of Congress

cc:

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