

**COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS, INC.
P.O. BOX 88
SANIBEL, FL 33957**

February 13, 2017

Honorable Lizbeth Benacquisto
2310 First Street
Unit 305
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Re: Support for Florida Senate Bill 10

Dear Senator Benacquisto:

I am writing on behalf of the Committee of the Islands (COTI), a Sanibel-based political committee that is composed of over 800 citizens who generally live within your legislative district.

Florida Senate Bill 10, filed recently by Senator Bradley, would provide for the purchase of 60,000 acres of land in the Everglades Agricultural Area to allow for eventual construction of a dynamic water reservoir. This water reservoir, which would include nutrient treatment features, would alleviate harmful discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers, and provide desperately needed water supply to the Everglades and Florida Bay.

COTI urges your support for this bill. It is badly needed by your constituents to preserve their property values, their businesses and the natural environment of southwest Florida that they have come to love.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Miller
President, Committee of the Islands, Inc.

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Honorable Ray Rodriguez
Suite 218
17595 South Tamiami Trail
Fort Myers, FL 33908-4570

Re: Support for House Bill 761

Dear Leader Rodriguez:

I am writing on behalf of the Committee of the Islands (COTI), a Sanibel-based political committee that is composed of over 800 citizens who generally live within your legislative district.

Newly-filed House Bill 761, the companion bill to Florida Senate Bill 10, would provide for the purchase of 60,000 acres of land in the Everglades Agricultural Area to allow for eventual construction of a dynamic water reservoir. This water reservoir, which would include nutrient treatment features, would alleviate harmful discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and provide desperately needed water supply to the Everglades and Florida Bay.

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