

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lisa Jackson  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20450

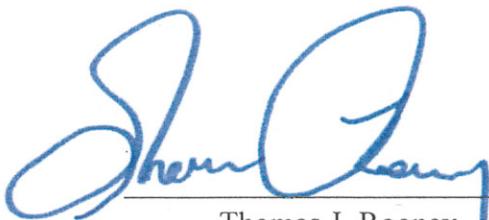
Dear Administrator Jackson:

As members of the Florida Congressional delegation we write to respectfully request your prompt review and approval of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) numeric nutrient criteria rule. The rule that you have received reflects months of extraordinarily hard work by many individuals in the state to ensure that it could be approved as soon as it was submitted to your agency. Based on sound science and years of research, the rule reflects the views of stakeholders, environmental regulators, the Florida Environmental Regulation Commission and finally the Florida Legislature. The rule was approved unanimously by the Florida legislature and signed by Governor Scott on February 16, 2012.

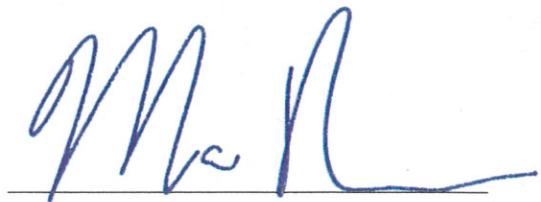
FDEP's rule has strong scientific underpinnings and will protect the unique and critical water bodies of our state. It is specifically designed to protect lakes, streams, and estuaries from nutrient pollution without inflicting unnecessary costs and hardships on Floridians. We are all in agreement that Florida needs strong regulatory protection for its waters that should be in conjunction with, not against, the needs of the consumer and our industries. The FDEP rule does an admirable job of considering all factors and protecting our waters.

EPA officials have stated on numerous occasions that it would prefer States, including Florida, to establish their own water quality standards. Florida has delivered on its responsibilities and we ask that as quickly as possible you review and approve the rule in its entirety as it was approved by the legislature and signed by our Governor.

Sincerely,



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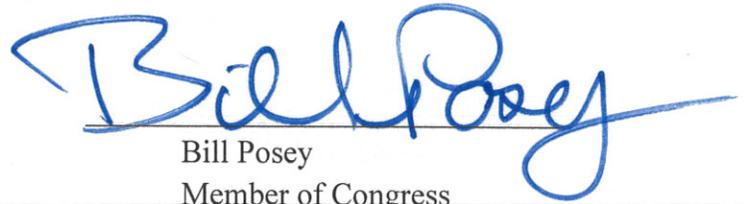
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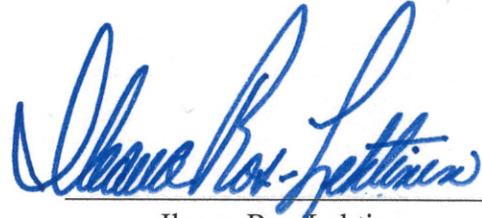
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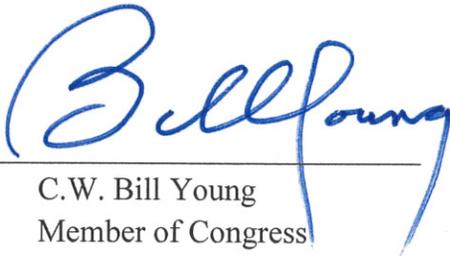
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