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RE: RESTORE Project “Restoration of Water Quality in the Impaired Waters of Charlotte Harbor”

Dear Governor Scott:

Please accept this letter of support for Charlotte County’s request for \$5,419,317 from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council to initiate Phase 1 of the RESTORE project. This project moves Southwest Florida in the needed direction of eliminating septic tanks, stormwater Best Management Practices, and improves Florida Friendly landscaping through a much needed education campaign. Eliminating point-source pollutants is a critical step in any water restoration plan, and of course clean water is the lifeblood of nearly all of Florida’s outdoor activities that generate billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs.

As Charlotte Harbor is the 2nd largest estuary in Florida and as such a vital breeding ground and nursery habitat for hundreds of fish and invertebrates, the Snook & Gamefish Foundation asks that you support Charlotte County’s RESTORE project when choosing projects from Florida to present to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

Regards,

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