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Honorable Kevin Ruane and City of Sanibel Coucilmembers 800 Dunlop Road Sanibel, Florida 33957-4096

Dear Mayor Ruane and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Governor and Cabinet's approval to acquire the Bond Ranch property as part of the Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods Florida Forever Project. I appreciate your support on this project which goes above and beyond purchasing land to place in conservation. Upon acquisition, and with some minor adjustments, it will also serve as an important piece in restoring historic sheetflows and improving water quality for Charlotte Harbor and the surrounding waterbodies.

I would also highlight the importance of partnering with other state agencies and local governments to accomplish compatible goals, and this project is a perfect example of how that level of cooperation can benefit everyone. I look forward to supporting future projects that continue to provide for the furtherance of our state's water quality and quantity needs.

Thank you again for your thoughtful correspondence. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my Deputy Cabinet Affairs Director, Jessica Field, at (850) 617-7700 if my office can be of any assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Adam H. Putnam

Commissioner of Agriculture

