

Mahoney Statement on Everglades Funding Cuts in Florida Legislature's Budget

(Washington, D.C.)

- Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) issued the following statement today on the budget passed by the Florida Legislature:

"I call on the Florida Legislature and Governor Crist to pass a budget that reflects the values of the people of Florida. The Florida House budget that passed yesterday eliminates funding for Everglades restoration, and cuts funding for healthcare and education. These proposed cuts will amount to a hidden tax on Florida's already struggling working families and hurts our efforts to ensure Florida's children will be able to stay at home and compete in a global economy," said Congressman Mahoney. "Now that Congress has finally passed legislation for Everglades restoration, cuts in state funding will only serve to undermine our efforts to restore the Everglades and ensure that South Florida has the water it needs to grow our economy."

Congressman Mahoney spearheaded the effort by the Florida Congressional delegation to urge the Florida legislature and Governor Crist to fully fund Everglades Restoration projects in a year where funding was secured at the federal level and needed more than ever at the state level. Representatives Hastings, Klein, Mack, Wasserman Schultz, and Wexler joined Representative Mahoney in sending the attached letter to the Florida Legislature on March 28, 2008.

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