

FLORIDA CONSERVATION COALITION



Dear Candidate,

The Florida Conservation Coalition was formed in 2012 after witnessing one of the most environmentally destructive legislative sessions in 2011. Champions of the environment came together under the leadership of Bob Graham, former Florida Governor and United States Senator, to bring conservation organizations together and form a stronger alliance against the forces threatening Florida's natural resources. Today, the FCC is a non-partisan coalition of over 80 environmentally-minded organizations and over 2,000 individuals dedicated to protecting Florida's lands, waters, and wildlife.

The FCC supports effective environmental policies to maintain and enhance the quality of life for present and future Floridians. Our team works diligently to address the challenges that Florida's land and water resources face, advocating for both short and long-term solutions. The attached papers are a synthesis of key information and consensus policy recommendations to safeguard Florida's natural resources. Our land paper highlights the immense need to act quickly to preserve natural lands and indicates the persistent support of Florida's constituents for land conservation. The FCC's water policy paper addresses the current water crisis and provides an Executive Summary of policy solutions to protect Florida's waters for future Floridians.

We believe it is imperative that candidates for office, elected officials and all policymakers be informed on these key conservation issues. The FCC Steering Committee, representing scientists and environmental policy experts, is pleased to offer our insight on subjects such as water quality, sea-level rise, ecosystem restoration, land conservation and Florida's springs, rivers, and aquifer. Please consider us a resource in your environmental planning and decision making. On behalf of our organizations and members, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Florida Conservation Coalition

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Bob Graham
Chairman
Florida Conservation Coalition

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Lee Constantine
Vice Chairman
Florida Conservation Coalition