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## FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Dear Members of Congress

District Lodge 166 IAMAW are extremely concerned about recent articles discussing the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) statements regarding the operation schedule for Lake Okeechobee. As you know, thousands of our members call South Florida home and have been living here for generations.

The Lake has dropped to a dangerously low level.

Many of our jobs depend on an adequate water supply from Lake Okeechobee to allow farmers to grow the crops that supply the mills and factories that employ us. And the Lake is also a drinking water source in many of our communities.

We are thankful the Herbert Hoover Dike repairs have been expedited to keep many of our communities safe. And by doing these repairs, the Corps should be able to get back to a Lake schedule that guarantees everyone a fair and equitable water supply.

We strongly believe that the Savings Clause from the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA) should be restated in the current WRDA legislation so that the Corps abides by the fairness it provides to all groups.

We stand ready to answer any questions and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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