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Honorable Greg Steube
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Dear U.S. Rep. Steube:

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is pleased to support H.R. 642, the Myakka Wild and Scenic River Act.

In 1985, the Myakka River Wild and Scenic Designation and Preservation Act became law in the state of Florida. This Florida state law designated the 34 miles of the Myakka River that meanders through Manatee, Sarasota, and Charlotte Counties as a Florida Wild and Scenic River.

This stretch of the Myakka River is a unique ecological, fish, and wildlife area. In addition to the designation, the law created the Myakka River Management Coordinating Council to oversee management over the designated portion of the river. Through the management council, state agencies, including the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, local governments, and county governments work together to create a management plan for the river.

Bringing this portion of Myakka River under the National Wild and Scenic River Program would add a federal partner and the resources of the federal government to this project.

FWC looks forward to working with you to advance H.R. 642.

Sincerely,

Roger Young
Executive Director