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Ms. Margaret L. Goodro
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Dear Superintendent Goodro:

I want to offer you my warmest congratulations on your recent selection as the new superintendent for Biscayne National Park, and please allow me to welcome you and your family to our beautiful South Florida community. As you know, you are assuming responsibility for one of the nation's most beautiful and unique national parks, and one of the region's most prized treasures.

For their long-term success and sustainability, our national parks require strong leadership and effective community outreach. I am very pleased that the National Park Service selected someone with such a vast record of service in this capacity. I have high regard for our community's other National Park Superintendent—Everglades and Dry Tortugas Superintendent Pedro Ramos—and I would encourage you to emulate his successful approach in balancing environmental preservation and public access in Biscayne. Because your personal experiences as a child of a commercial fishing family likely contributed to the love and connection you have developed for the outdoors and nature, I am hopeful that you are in a unique position to understand the importance of keeping our community engaged and active in our national parks.

Once again, congratulations on your new position as superintendent of Biscayne National Park. Please know that I am committed to working with you to protect the recreational experiences and livelihoods of residents who use the park while ensuring the conservation and restoration of the incredible natural resources of Biscayne Bay and its surrounding lands and waters. My office is here to help as you start your important work at Biscayne; you are welcome to contact Wes Brooks, my Legislative Assistant for environmental issues, at 202-225-3931 or via email at wes.brooks@mail.house.gov if we may be of any service to you, your staff, or Biscayne's visitors.

Sincerely,

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