

# *Miami Blue Chapter*

North American Butterfly Association

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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Miami Blue Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association to respectfully request your support with respect to the pending 2026-27 budgetary allocation of at least \$20M to the Environmentally Endangered Lands ("EEL") program. In fact, that amount should be materially increased.

The protection of our environment is important to the citizens of Miami-Dade County. Therefore, a robust EEL program should enjoy your support when considering the allocation of our collective resources.

There is nothing more important to our collective survival than the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we use (all = nature). This is more important than any other budgetary item.

Simply put, your decision with respect to funding EEL will be a major step in the direction of environmental protection (or not); please make sure it's in the right direction.

I'm available to discuss anytime (Cell: 305.975.1507).

Best regards,



Dennis J. Olle,  
President

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