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NOAA Restoration Center (F/HC3)  
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**Re: Support of Miami River Commission NOAA Application to  
2012 Community Based Marine Debris Prevention & Removal Project Grant**

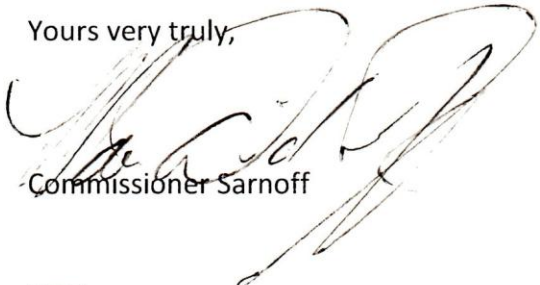
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you in strong support of the Miami River Fund, Inc.'s (MRFI) application to NOAA's 2012 Community-Based Marine Debris Prevention & Removal Project. As outlined in the grant application, the MRFI is seeking funding to:

- 1) Remove derelict vessels from the Miami River and its tributaries, which negatively impact the natural environment, marine life, and navigation
- 2) Scavenger Decontamination Vessel services, including removal and disposal of marine debris, water de-contamination and oxygenation
- 3) Volunteer Miami River clean-up events to pick up and dispose of marine debris
- 4) Provide free environmental educational boat tours to students and environmental organizations, regarding pollution prevention and waste reduction, the protection of marine life and endangered fauna and flora.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours very truly,

  
Commissioner Sarnoff

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