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**Environmental Policy Position Paper**

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- Florida's pristine and diverse ecosystems must remain protected for future generations
- Responsible land management and conservation are the responsibility of both public and private entities
- Florida is a national leader in many of its stewardship and resource management programs

### **Adam's Record**

Adam has been a tireless advocate for the environment and the many natural treasures found throughout Florida. As a member of the Congressional Everglades Caucus, for example, Adam has helped to lead efforts to fund the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan – the largest water restoration project in the nation. He has also fought to ensure a more equitable balance of funding from the federal government, which significantly lags behind funding efforts by the State of Florida for the restoration efforts.

Adam has also led the fight to stop invasive species from impacting ecosystems. For example, he introduced several amendments seeking to require the federal government to establish a comprehensive plan to eliminate the threat of invasive, exotic species within the Everglades – a major threat to the existing ecosystem, endangered species, and the restoration efforts. He has also introduced amendments to facilitate the appropriate coordination among federal agencies in order to respond to existing invasive species threats throughout the nation.

Adam has also supported efforts to increase funding for clean energy technologies and conservation efforts to help reduce our dependency on fossil fuels.

### **Adam's Vision**

Adam believes that Florida has a right to be proud of its legacy of pristine waters and lands. As Commissioner, Adam will maintain the highest level of stewardship on the 1.1 million acres of state forests under the management of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Adam will also expand the current Office of Water Policy into an Office of Water and Energy Policy, which will not only serve as a resource for helping to maintain high water quality standards, but will also assist the agriculture community in participating in – and contributing to – clean and renewable energy programs.

Understanding that children play a major role in the future of our natural resources, Adam will work to establish programs within the Department that not only promote children exploring Florida's environmental treasures, but also to educate them about the importance of conservation and responsible land use through outdoor experiences.

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