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Ms. Patricia A. MacLaren
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Dear Patricia:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge.

Located in east-central Florida along the Atlantic Coast, between Melbourne and Wabasso Beaches, the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge is home to the largest nesting population of threatened loggerhead turtles in the Western Hemisphere. In 1991, I worked at the Refuge with the scientists who are struggling to save the nesting turtles. The Refuge needs the financial support of the federal government to purchase surrounding land and prevent the destruction of this critical nesting habitat.

In his fiscal year 1994 budget, President Clinton requested \$1.39 million to acquire three acres of land near the Archie Carr Refuge. I have expressed my strong support for this land acquisition project to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior. Over the next few months, I will continue to work with my colleagues on the Subcommittee to secure federal funding for this important environmental project.

I appreciate having the benefit of your views on this important issue.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



United States Senator