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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 504 – Miccosukee Reserved Area Amendments Act

(Rep. Gimenez, R-FL, and three cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 504, the Miccosukee Reserved Area Amendments Act. The bill amends the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to expand a certain area located in the Everglades National Park in southern Florida and occupied by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (Tribe). The new area would include the Osceola Camp, and the bill would require the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Tribe, to take appropriate actions to safeguard structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding events.

In 1998, the Congress passed the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act, which authorized the Tribe to permanently occupy a certain area within Everglades National Park. This area did not include the Osceola Camp. Nonetheless, the Tribe has a residential community in the Osceola Camp, including other infrastructure, all of which do not meet criteria considered for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The previous administration developed a plan to protect and replace unauthorized infrastructure at the Osceola Camp, which could cost up to \$14 million. But despite seeking funding and special treatment from the Federal Government, the Miccosukee Tribe, which runs a casino, has actively sought to obstruct reasonable immigration policies that the American people decisively voted for when President Trump was elected.

President Trump is committed to preventing American taxpayers from funding projects for special interests, especially those that are unaligned with the Administration's policy of removing violent criminal illegal aliens from the country. Ending the massive cost of taxpayer handouts and restoring fiscal sanity is vital to economic growth and the fiscal health of the Nation. This principle carries especially heavy weight here: it is not the Federal Government's responsibility to pay to fix problems in an area that the Tribe has never been authorized to occupy.

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