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**Dear Mr. President:**

The Port of Miami is authorized by Congress to dredge to **-50 feet**. This new depth is needed to berth the new breed of super-sized cargo vessels that will traverse an expanded Panama Canal in 2014.

With even **one dollar** in your 2012 budget, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can complete this critical dredging project on schedule.

Completion of the Port of Miami Deep Dredge will allow cargo to double, create **33,000 new jobs**, and increase trade critical to the nation's economic recovery.

Global shippers, labor leaders, and elected officials agree: **BIGGER SHIPS BRING BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES.**

Please include the **Port of Miami Deep Dredge** in your budget.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Johnson" clearly legible.

Bill Johnson  
Port Director  
Port of Miami

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