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Dear Sir,

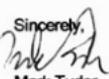
I am writing today to strongly opposed dam removal. I am a farmer in the Yakima Valley and I cannot over emphasize the importance of water and Hydroelectricity to Eastern Washington. This is a desert. Water is the lifeblood of our region. Without it, we will do nothing But dry up and blow away. I have friends who farm along the Snake River and they have invested Their whole lifetime to build a business based upon the availability of water from the River.

We are in a global economy. For us to remain competitive in today's markets we must be as Efficient as possible. One of the ways this I accomplished is by economy scale. We are Almost forced to grow our operations to remain competitive. There is no room to expand in The Yakima Valley and the water supply there is also very tight. Therefore, we must look to The Columbia Basin, River area to Grow. Without the Agricultural Industry, there will be many people Put out of work. Agriculture is the related to almost everything in Eastern Washington. Without it There is no reason for the population base to live here.

Barge Shipping is also very important to our area. It keeps many tons of products off our highways That frankly are not designed to handle such a quantity of Truck traffic. It gives us access To the foreign markets that our economy relies upon so much.

In closing, I must say that there is no scientific proof that this will improve the fish runs. There is Proof that we farmers and the rest of the people of Eastern Washington need the water and Power to remain at least at the level of productivity and quality of life that we have now. I have a Hard time believing that the ocean fishing factories and netting in the ocean and in the mouth Of the Columbia River has not affected the fish runs.

Sincerely,


Mark Tudor
President,
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Cc: Senator Slade Gorton
Senator Patty Murray
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