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DEAR MR ITAMI,

I'M WRITING TO EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION TO ANY ACTION THAT WOULD APPROVE THE BREACHING OF DAMS ON THE LOWER SNAKE RIVER.

THIS SEEMS LIKE AN ILL- CONCEIVED IDEA OF SOME SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. MY CONCERN COMES FROM THE DISRUPTION CAUSED BY THE LOSS OF HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION OF THE FOUR DAMS AND THE RIVER AS A VIABLE TRANSPORTATION AVENUE.

I AM THE OFFSPRING OF A PARENT WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST HYDROPOWER CONSORTIUM. MY FATHER IN THE 1940'S AND 1950'S WAS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM PUGET SOUND POWER AND WORKED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTHWEST POWER GRID. SINCE HE HAS BEEN DECEASED FOR MANY YEARS, I CAN ONLY GUESS HOW DISTRESSING THIS WOULD BE TO HIM TODAY WAS HE STILL ALIVE TO VOICE HIS DISAPPROVAL.

THIS COMMERCIAL CREDIT ASSOCIATION HAS MANY MEMBER COMPANIES IN SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON AND THE IDAHO PANHANDLE. WE BELIEVE THIS ACTION WOULD FURTHER AGGRAVATE THOSE IN THE FARMING INDUSTRY TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY.

WE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE BRIEFLY DURING A VISIT TO REPRESENTATIVE NETHERCUTT'S OFFICE ON MARCH 14TH AND WERE PLEASED TO LEARN OF HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY BREACHING EFFORT.

SINCERELY,

CHUCK MONSON
PRESIDENT

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