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Dear Mr. Graham:

REALTORS are on record strongly opposing breaching the dams. The dams are vital links in the Columbia/Snake River water transportation system. They are needed for irrigation, flood control and recreation. They generate 5% of the regions electric power. What will happen if the Dams are removed?

- The Northwest Power Planning Council estimates that even with the Snake River Dams producing power there is an ever-growing chance the region will suffer power blackouts within the next few years. Remember, there is no additional generation capacity coming on line in the foreseeable future.
- Washington's highway and rail system cannot handle the freight currently carried by barges on the Snake River System. Barging is not only a cost-efficient transportation mode---it keeps our two-lane highway system in southwestern Washington safer.
- Washington needs agriculture diversity. Irrigation has opened up thousands of acres for fruit and vegetable crops. In a highly competitive international market continued diversity leads to economic stability for the important agriculture sector of our State's economy.

Sincerely:

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