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November 30, 2023

Honorable Earl Blumenauer
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Blumenauer,

We are writing to thank you for your October 31 letter, along with Representatives Hoyle and Salinas, expressing your strong support for President Biden's "Memorandum on Restoring Healthy and Abundant Salmon, Steelhead, and Other Native Fish Populations in the Columbia River Basin." Your hard work and dedication to the recovery of salmon populations across the Northwest is deeply appreciated by our organizations.

As you know, salmon in the Columbia River Basin are in crisis. Once home to some of the most productive salmon habitats in the world, the Basin's salmon populations have plummeted over the past century, with devastating impacts for the cultures, economies, and ways of life in the Pacific Northwest.

President Biden's September 27 Memorandum called for a "a sustained national effort to restore healthy and abundant native fish populations in the Basin." In doing so, the President affirmed that it is a priority of this administration to restore healthy and abundant salmon and steelhead populations in the Basin and to honor our treaty obligations with Tribal Nations. We are grateful for your shared commitment to these goals and for pledging to work with the administration, Tribal Nations, and regional stakeholders to put them into action. Your leadership will be critical as the Northwest deepens efforts to recover salmon, invest in communities, and fulfill our obligations to the Tribes.

We also recognize that you recently announced that this will be your last term as a member of Congress. You have been a stalwart champion for the environment throughout your time in elected office, from protecting Oregon's public lands to securing funding to address toxics in the Columbia River Basin to helping pass the Inflation Reduction Act into law. You were also one of the first members of Congress to call attention to the urgent need to recover Snake River salmon populations by supporting Representative Simpson's proposal for a Columbia Basin Initiative to breach the lower Snake River dams and replace their services. We applaud your decades of advocacy on behalf of the ecosystems and people of the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you again for your leadership in support of the President's memorandum. We look forward to continuing to work with you to recover healthy and abundant salmon in the Columbia River Basin.

Sincerely,

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