



March 21 2018

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
United States House of Representatives
1314 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Letter of Support for H.R.3144

Dear Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers:

The Port of Morrow wishes to express our appreciation regarding your support in the navigation of the Columbia Snake River.

The Columbia Snake River is a vital transportation hub for the Port of Morrow. It provides incredible benefits to the Northwest and the nation. Our economy relies on the trade and commerce that flows in both directions of this gateway.

Barging plays a key role in our ports' transportation system, it is an efficient and environmentally friendly method for moving cargo. It is critical to the competitiveness of U.S farmers and other shippers. Barging also relieves rail congestions, keeps trucks off the highway, and provides jobs for our Northwest residents, it also disciplines rail and trucking costs, insuring that the price of moving goods in the Pacific Northwest remains competitive.

The Northwest can be proud of the historic collaboration which is leading to real results for our iconic salmon runs. Improvements at the dams, hydro operations, and habitat restoration are leading to real success, with record and near-record numbers of fish returning to the Snake River to spawn.

We would like to show our support for H.R.3144, which would hold the current river plan in place. We are extremely appreciative for your efforts, and we thank you again for the leadership when it comes to our river system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Neal", written over a horizontal line.

Gary Neal
General Manager, Port of Morrow

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