

April 19, 2021

The Honorable Dan Newhouse
 House of Representatives
 504 Cannon House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Newhouse:

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Sincerely,



Scott M. Hutsell, Chairman



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Mark R. Stedman, Member



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Cc: Columbia Basin Development League

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Danny E. Stone
Grant County Commissioner
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April 16, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Vicky Sharlau, Executive Director
Columbia Basin Development League
203 Mission Avenue, Suite 107
Cashmere, WA 98815

Dear Vicky Sharlau:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) fully supports the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Project funding request submitted by the Columbia Basin Development League for a federal investment of \$18,525,000 in the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP), an effort to preserve ground water resources for rural domestic and municipal uses within the federally owned Columbia Basin Project while maintaining the irrigated agricultural economy of an entire region. Up to 87,700 acres of highly productive irrigated land--that drives thousands of jobs in the region--would be transferred from a depleting aquifer to a sustainable source of surface water.

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Vicky Sharlau
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Ecology, working with project partners, has invested approximately \$105 million in grants into OGWRP and supporting activities through state legislative appropriations since 2006. Ecology is extremely interested in making this project a success and we value the opportunity to cost share with a federal partner on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Downes at (509) 454-4259 or by email at Melissa.Downes@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

G. Thomas Tebb

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G. Thomas Tebb, L.Hg., L.E.G.
Director
Office of Columbia River

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Washington State Legislature

April 14, 2021

The Honorable Dan Newhouse
House of Representatives
1414 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Newhouse:

We, the state legislators of the 13th legislative district, fully support the Community Project Funding request submitted by the Columbia Basin Development League for a federal investment of \$18,525,000 in the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP), a rescue effort to preserve ground water resources for rural domestic and municipal uses within the federally owned Columbia Basin Project while maintaining the irrigated agricultural economy of an entire region. Up to 87,000 acres of highly productive irrigated land--that drives thousands of jobs in the region--would be transferred from a depleting aquifer to a sustainable source of surface water.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Judy Warnick
13th Legislative District

Representative Tom Dent
13th Legislative District

Representative Alex Ybarra
13th Legislative District



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Dear Congressman Newhouse:

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David Curnel
Mayor

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The City of Othello

SHAWN R. LOGAN

Mayor

SPENCER WILLIAMS

Finance Officer

ANNE HENNING

Community Development Director

TANIA D. MORELOS

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TERRY CLEMENTS

Public Works Director

ABNER GARZA

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Sincerely,


Shawn R. Logan
Mayor



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Dear Congressman Newhouse:

Grant County Port District No. 8 fully supports the Community Project Funding request submitted by the Columbia Basin Development League for a federal investment of \$18,525,000 in the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP), a rescue effort to preserve ground water resources for rural domestic and municipal uses within the federally owned Columbia Basin Project while maintaining the irrigated agricultural economy of an entire region. Up to 87,000 acres of highly productive irrigated land--that drives thousands of jobs in the region--would be transferred from a depleting aquifer to a sustainable source of surface water.

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Sincerely,

Pat Millard
Manager
Grant County Port District No. 8



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Dear Congressman Newhouse:

The Greater Pasco Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports the Community Project Funding request submitted by the Columbia Basin Development League for a federal investment of \$18,525,000 in the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP), a rescue effort to preserve ground water resources for rural domestic and municipal uses within the federally owned Columbia Basin Project while maintaining the irrigated agricultural economy of an entire region. Up to 87,000 acres of highly productive irrigated land--that drives thousands of jobs in the region--would be transferred from a depleting aquifer to a sustainable source of surface water.

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Colin Hastings
Pasco Chamber of Commerce



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Milt Miller
Director of Port Facilities



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Chris Faix
Executive Director



Washington State Senate

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Senator Mark Schoesler
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Senator Mark Schoesler
9th Legislative District
Washington State Senate

William Crossley, Mayor
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Les Jimerson, Police Chief
Rod Webster, Public Works Director



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Town of ODESSA, Washington

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William F Crossley
Mayor



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Dear Congressman Newhouse:

The Washington State Potato Commission supports the Community Project Funding request submitted by the Columbia Basin Development League for a federal investment of \$18,525,000 in the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP), a rescue effort to preserve ground water resources for rural domestic and municipal uses within the federally owned Columbia Basin Project while maintaining the irrigated agricultural economy of an entire region. Up to 87,000 acres of highly productive irrigated land--that drives thousands of jobs in the region--would be transferred from a depleting aquifer to a sustainable source of surface water.

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Our family farms produced almost 10 billion pounds of potatoes on 155,000 acres in 2020. Most of our harvested crop is used in minimally processed applications--for example, the production of frozen french fries, potato chips, and dehydrated potato products such as instant mashed potatoes. We also have robust fresh potato production which supports domestic food security. We estimate that 9 out of every 10 potatoes grown in Washington will leave the state. Our production makes up roughly 20% of all U.S. potato production. Water delivered to this region is critical for our ability to continue to supply food both domestically and internationally.

The effort to continue phased development of the Congressionally authorized Columbia Basin Project, which today, is responsible for over \$5 billion in annual, cumulative economic activity is critical for rural Washington State.

Sincerely,

Matt Harris
Director of Governmental Affairs
Washington State Potato Commission

**Port of Pasco Administrative Office**

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Sincerely,

Randy Hayden, Executive Director



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Dear Congressman Newhouse:

The Washington State Water Resources Association (WSWRA) fully supports the Community Project Funding request submitted by the Columbia Basin Development League for a federal investment of \$18,525,000 in the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP). WSWRA is the coordinating agency for irrigation districts in Washington State.

The OGWRP is an important support of rescue effort to preserve ground water resources for rural domestic and municipal uses within the federally owned Columbia Basin Project while maintaining the irrigated agricultural economy of an entire region. Up to 87,000 acres of highly productive irrigated land--that drives thousands of jobs in the region--would be transferred from a depleting aquifer to a sustainable source of surface water.

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Tom Myrum
Executive Director

City of Warden

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WARDEN, WASHINGTON 98857

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Mayor
City of Warden