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Dear Chief Lesar,

It is a pleasure to lend my support for the Columbia Generating Station's license renewal. I am pleased you have decided to extend operations beyond its 40-year original operating license.

As the sole nuclear power capability in the Pacific Northwest, Columbia Generating Station's baseload operations help guarantee a supply of clean, low-cost electricity to Washington's communities and industries. It also provides security to the region's electric power system.

Nuclear power is one of few energy resources that can produce large amounts of electrical capacity on demand without harming the environment. Along with hydropower, wind, solar and other sources of clean energy, Washington needs the Columbia generating Station's electric power-generating capacity. It ensures a reliable and cost-effective baseline upon which to diversity the state's power generation mix. Approval of the Columbia Generating Station's license renewal application will be a vital step towards helping secure our economic, environmental and security interests.

Most importantly, extending the life of the Columbia Station is integral to Washington's economic success. In addition to paying millions of dollars each year in tax revenues to the state and municipal governments, Columbia is one of the largest employers in the Tri-Cities, providing full-time employment to more than 1,100 workers who, in turn, significantly invest in our state and local economy.

Your approval will ensure a reasonable cost for power in Washington and help drive a strong economy.

Your interest is this matter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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