

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Alan Mikkelsen
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Department of the Interior
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Dear Mr. Mikkelsen:


We are writing to thank you for your ongoing work to resolve the water conflicts in the Klamath Basin. We are ready to work together with you and with all of the stakeholders to implement a plan that will ensure a bright and stable future for the entire Klamath community.


We appreciate the largely inclusive approach you have taken so far in meeting with a comprehensive range of stakeholders in the Basin to understand their perspectives and concerns. Your approach is consistent with the longstanding tradition in the Klamath Basin of solving difficult challenges through collaboration and compromise.


History has shown that widespread agreement in the Basin is attainable. Community leaders have repeatedly come together and found common ground. Through countless hours of negotiation, despite significant initial disagreement, they were able to reach multiple landmark agreements.

We urge your team and stakeholders in the Klamath Basin to proceed with all appropriate urgency. We are firmly committed to the goal of implementing a solution that is as comprehensive as possible, and that resolves many of the challenges facing the Klamath Basin community. We look forward to working with you and your team on this very important endeavor.

Sincerely,


Ron Wyden
United States Senator


Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator


Greg Walden
Member of Congress