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Honorable Chairs Rodgers and Duncan
Honorable Ranking Members Pallone and DeGette

Dear Chair Rodgers,

Thank you again for the face-to-face meeting in your Spokane office last week. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues important to not only our Grange members in Eastern Washington, but to all members across the country; as well as learning about other efforts where the Grange can lend support.

The federal government proposal to remove the lower Snake River dams is very concerning to both the National Grange as well as the Washington State Grange. First, the rural residents of this affected region have not been a part of these discussions. Second, should removal occur, it will totally disrupt an entire rural region of our country that depends upon this infrastructure for clean electrical power, agricultural irrigation, transportation, flood control, recreation, and jobs.

The National Grange believes that any plan to remove any dam in the Columbia/Snake River System must include an equitable and robust economic transition plan for the affected rural and agricultural communities. Any decision-making process must include the feasibility of replacing the dam's services with alternative methods of transportation, recreation, energy, and irrigation.

Thank you for conducting the hearing before your Committee to bring these concerns before the public. Please let me know how the National Grange can further assist your efforts.

Sincerely,

Christine E. Hamp, President