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Dear Governor Brown,

We are writing you today to thank you for your courage in calling for the breaching of the four Lower Snake River Dams. We commend your decision and clarity in understanding that the benefits of breaching outweigh the costs of the status quo. If executed this year, benefits for salmon and orcas will keep them from extinction.

Our mission as a non-profit has been to educate people on the truth about these dams and we continue this fight as misinformation and pro-dam propaganda will continue to grow and mislead the public. We hand delivered a letter to your office in January 2019 about this issue and we hope you have read it, and will use it, as well as resources on our website, to guide other decision makers to see the reality, dam breaching is not only economically and technically feasible, but critical to prevent extinction of economically important salmon and orca species.

As the release date for the new Environmental Impact Statement approaches, we hope you stand by your decision and help this movement grow within your political resources. The existing 2002 EIS concluded dam breaching was the best alternative to recover salmon and we anticipate this language will be changed. While we know a dam breaching alternative will be included, we predict unrealistic breaching and power replacement costs. We also predict dam breaching will be coupled with other unrelated projects in an effort to make breaching too costly to execute. As provided in the January 2019 letter, breaching and mitigation can be accomplished for around \$450 million and started in a matter of months. We hope that the truth will continue to shine through, if not from this EIS, from biologists, economists, engineers, and policy makers like yourself, who are standing up for what they believe in.

We would very much like to brief you and your staff on the costs and policies that allow immediate breaching. Thank you again for your commitment to the people you serve and perseverance in making the world a better place.

Sincerely,

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