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I recognize that, as a non- resident of Washington State, I would not be directly impacted at this time were these amendments not passed. However, I have been watching the decline of the Southern Resident Orcas with dismay.

My husband and I visited Seattle some years ago. The highlight of the trip was our whale watching boat trip. We remained at a distance watching them until one curious whale swam directly under the boat. What an experience.

My husband and I vowed to return to spend more time in this beautiful State when we retire, and hoped we would once again be able to see more whales.

To learn of their struggles to survive, caused in large part by human activities, such as damming rivers and discharging waste water from ships has to be changed. Please pass this amendment to help them survive.

We have lost too many species already. Please help these beautiful animals live.

Thank you

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