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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Goldendale pumped hydro project. As a parent of young children, resident of the Columbia River Gorge, and small business owner I can think of no single challenge with greater existential importance to my community than the transition to clean renewable energy.

Large scale energy storage such as is enabled by the proposed project would transform locally abundant and clean but intermittent renewable wind and solar energy to base load power capable of displacing much of the coal power currently imported by Pacificorps to our market.

At sufficient scale, storage projects such as this may even become key enabling technologies for the removal of dams necessary to save our fisheries and restore important features such as Celilo Falls.

I understand and am sensitive to the valid objections expressed by tribal stakeholders. Every avenue for addressing their concerns should be pursued where doing so is compatible with our sustainable energy transition. No single community's parochial objection, however well founded, is more important than our duty to address climate change for future generations of all communities.

The opportunity to transform a former industrial site where an energy hungry aluminum smelt sat before to half of a project with such climate saving potential is too important to miss. For the sake of our children, our environment, and our community, please move forward with all necessary steps towards building the Goldendale pumped hydro energy storage facility.

Thank you for your consideration,

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