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The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Senator Patty Murray  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
1314 Longworth House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Spokane Tribe Equitable Compensation

Dear Senator Cantwell, Senator Murray and Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers:

The Stevens County Board of County Commissioners write to you today to support the long struggle by the Spokane Indian Tribe for Equitable Compensation legislation for damage done to their land and lives with the construction of Grand Coulee Dam.

The Colville Tribe was successful in their quest for just treatment and the Spokane Tribe has no lesser claim to justice from our government. The difference between the two tribes is merely the points on a compass. One tribe lost their eastern lands to flooding and the other tribe lost its western lands to flooding.

We thank you for sponsoring S.995 this year. You know the situation as completely as we do, except we also live along the banks of Lake Roosevelt and experience much of the same frustration of living with the benefits and consequences of Grand Coulee Dam and the fluctuations of water levels in Lake Roosevelt. It is shameful that our nation has neglected to do the right thing for the Spokane Tribe for more than 70 years.

We urge you to work together to bring proper compensation to the Spokane Tribe. Their land and their people will benefit for generations to come. Thank you!

Respectfully,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Handwritten signature of Steve Parker in blue ink.

Chairman Steve Parker

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