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United States Representative Peter DeFazio Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio:

The City Council of the City of Newport is unanimous in its gratitude to you for your work to include an Environmental Infrastructure authorization for the City of Newport, Oregon in the House of Representatives' version of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022).

Cities like ours rely on a dependable, abundant water supply to support our community and power economic development. If the authorization is included in the final version of WRDA 2022, it would help us implement the city's Big Creek Dam Replacement Project to secure our water supply, prevent loss of life, and prepare for future economic growth.

We understand there is no funding guarantee, but we very much appreciate the visibility you provided this much needed and extremely critical project. We know that you will continue to support this project at every opportunity, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Again, thank you very much for your support of funding for Newport's Big Creek Dam Project. Please reach out to our team with any questions, or if additional information is needed in support of this project.

Very truly yours,

Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

Cynthia Jacobi, Council President

Beatriz Botello, Councilor

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Ryan Parker, Councilor

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